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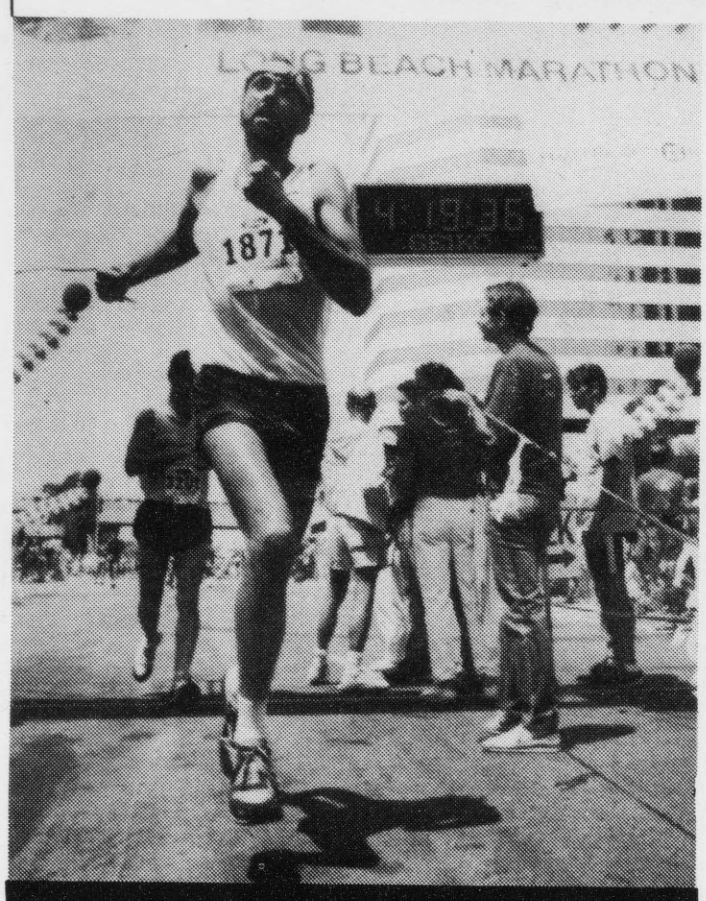

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March Committee Dragphobia

Some weeks ago a representative of the National March on Washington called to inform me that the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence were invited to emcee the morning stage the day of the march. Now I have been called by the march representative and told that they have revoked the invitation. The reason communicated to me was that some executive committee members felt "personally attacked" by a letter I sent them and by my appearances at the Los Angeles and San Francisco forums.

I find it ironic that the EC chose to penalize one of the world's few existing drag/transgender organizations because of one person's tactics. Tactics, incidentally, that the Sisters did not approve of. I did not represent, officially or unofficially, nor did I imply that I represented, the Sisters. This is unfair and irrational and again proves the depths of lipserving liberalism and dragphobia on the part of some members of our community. I have grown accustomed to the messenger being victimized. But to victimize an innocent group of people is pure vindictiveness. Members of Queer Nation, Transgender Nation and individual transgenders disrupted, disturbed, cajoled and shouted during a Northern California Regional March Forum in December 1992 in San Francisco. Does the EC plan to penalize anyone who angrily challenges decisions made by the march committees? Does this mean that Queer Nation and their members are banned from the march stages? It's beginning to sound a bit fascist.

I accused the march representatives of defending a fascist action. Choosing the title of the march included a "democratic" process but the end result was fascist, from the perspective of a transgender. For an organization that purports to represent the entire community, exclusion equals fascism. The issue may not seem to EC members to call for such vitriolic tactics, but then there are many transgenders who value their anger and who feel it is appropriate, and who will not compromise their anger to make liberals feel comfortable. I thought our "leaders" had learned to stop victimizing the messenger after years of people of color and women angrily, impolitely demanding power in our community and an end to their marginalization. In this case the EC has victimized innocent people in order to vindicate their egos. A group of people who have already suffered much at the hands of dragphobes in our community and who daily put their lives on the line for transgender issues.

I can understand how members of the EC could have taken my criticism "personally." I was *angry!* Representatives of the march are responsible for the decisions of the march. EC members have to take the heat for those decisions; that is part of their job, regardless of their personal stands. The fact that some EC members chose to interpret my confrontation as "personal attacks" is a typical dragphobic trivialization of our issues.

I had hoped for higher standards of conduct, more enlightened thinking and more rational behavior from activists within our community but I am not surprised.

Sister Vicious Power Hungry Bitch
Kenneth Bunch
San Francisco

In Bed With Jesse and Jerry

Queer Nation's attempt to "out" Janet Reno, President Clinton's nominee for U.S. Attorney General, places them in league and in bed with such illustrious figures as Jesse Helms and Jerry Falwell. Their assertion that Ms. Reno is a lesbian has no basis other than her being unmarried and in her 40s. More importantly, it implies that her sexuality should be an issue in her fitness to serve in the Clinton administration, exactly the view held by Mr. Helms and other right-wing hatemongers. To debate, discuss, expose or attack any aspect of a person's private life, totally unconnected with their potential job performance, is truly the lowest possible behavior, whether practiced by demagogues on the right or on the left. The fact that the "charges" had no basis made it worse, as did the willingness of the press to report such irrelevant and unproven trash.

Queer Nation and other self-appointed guardians of politically correct behavior have attempted to establish rules as to which part of a person's private life must be sent to the 10 pm news upon becoming a public figure. In aligning themselves with the McCarthyite tactics practiced by their counterparts on the far right, they have lost any credibility they ever had. The gay community and the gay press should be in the forefront of those demanding an abject, total and public apology to Ms. Reno from Queer Nation. Their actions damage those they purport to serve and are truly beneath contempt.

H.R.L.
San Francisco

Powerful Weapon... Misused

It's an old cliche that "politics makes strange bedfellows," but the thought of Queer Nation joining forces with a homophobic right-winger to "out" Attorney General-designate Janet Reno takes the cake for weirdness.

This episode has forced me to rethink my views on "outing" that I aired in a May 10, 1990, *Bay Area Reporter* opinion column.

In that column I wrote, "Clearly, in the 1990s, it's no longer safe for gay celebrities—or gay anyone else—to remain in the closet. If they don't come out voluntarily, someone will drag them out."

I also wrote that a generation after the Stonewall Riots, "[Staying in] the closet undermines the most fundamental principle of gay liberation—that there is nothing wrong with being gay... Those who remain in the closet reinforce the myth that there is something so horrible about being gay that it has to be kept secret; staying in the closet plays right into the hands of homophobes like Rev. Lou Sheldon, (former) Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Fullerton) and Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) that homosexuality is sick and disgusting...."

I urged that "the time has come to stop lying... to be completely honest with yourself and those you know... stop being afraid... come out of the closet."

Outing, I wrote at the time, "can be the most powerful weapon we can use to combat homophobia," citing the fact that "the most vicious homophobes are most often closeted homosexuals or bisexuals who are so incredibly insecure about their own sexuality that they bash out-of-the-closet gays to satisfy their need to validate themselves in straight society. I say drag every one of those SOBs out of the closet—kicking and screaming."

I haven't changed one iota from those opinions. But I failed to make clear that "those SOBs" I was referring to were homophobes such as Sheldon and Dannemeyer, whose obsession over homosexuality is so extreme that it doesn't take a psychologist to realize that they've got a "lavender skeleton" hiding in their closets. The more rabid their anti-gay hatred, the more I believe they're closet cases.

Well, guess what, folks? We haven't been using the outing weapon properly. To the contrary, we've aimed it at the wrong targets and have gotten burned for it. In the three years since I wrote that column, neither Queer Nation nor anyone else has attempted to out our homophobic enemies. Instead, Queer Nation attempts to out people like Janet Reno, who, as far as I know, have done nothing to actively inflict harm on us. *Why?*

Although I still feel very strongly that it is wrong for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals to remain in the closet a generation after Stonewall, the final decision whether to come out—and more importantly, where and when to come out—rests solely with the individual. The new political climate building in Washington certainly can't hurt.

But to target Reno for outing when she hasn't done anything bad to our community is stupid and counterproductive. If Reno is a lesbian, it's up to her to say so, not some whacked-out, pink ghetto "queer" fringe group that insists that we all refer to ourselves by that degrading homophobic epithet.

Nor is it up to Reno's right-wing, anti-gay nemesis, John Thompson, to try to drag her out. To the contrary, if anyone deserves to be targeted for outing in this case, it is Thompson, not Reno, because of his blatant anti-gay bias.

If you really want to out someone, go after those who clearly deserve it—our rabidly homophobic enemies. Let those not yet out of the closet and not our enemies come to terms with their homosexuality or bisexuality on their own time. What those of us already out need to do is create an environment where our closeted brothers and sisters can come out with courage and confidence.

D.B. Sanders
Berkeley

For "The Rest of Us"

"The Queer 40"!? Marxists and drag queens in the streets with dildoes hanging from their habits!? (This shows *absolute disrespect* for others!) Dyke discrimination? I've had it! The gay/lesbian strategic plan? Please!

These people don't represent me. And I will boycott the parade, indeed "The City of Fools!"

I can't believe what we've (you've) become! After viewing the hate video being circulated in the community I now realize queens, NAMBLA and exhibowacko types are running things *and* could care less about the rest of us.

I have a question: What exactly do you intend to accomplish by being crude and base? I have nothing whatsoever against drag queens, *but* dildoes hanging from habits...! What exactly is the point of disrespecting another's religion (albeit a repressive and sad religion), then expecting to be respected in return?

You guys are not me! Please, *someone* with some influence and ability to organize, please start an alternative community and parade for "the rest of us."

As you can see, I am so pissed that I can't even compose a coherent letter. After ten years out of the closet, I want to stay out, but these clowns make it damn difficult.

Robert Herrera
Sunnyvale

Still Rankles

The choice of "Year of the Queer" by the San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee as this year's theme still rankles many of us who find such a term repulsive and offensive.

Perhaps this shows that I am part of a generation gap, but I believe most gays and lesbians find the word "queer" to be a vile slander, which we have been trying to overcome for many years. No one would consider using "Year of the Nigger" for a Black community parade or "Year of the Kike" for a Jewish celebration. For many of us, "queer" is no less offensive than those terms.

While it may be too late now to change this year's "official" theme, in the future greater participation in the planning of these events by members of the broader gay and lesbian community is necessary if these gaffes are to be avoided.

Donald Disler
San Francisco

Timely TAT Research

I can't believe it! All three community papers missed the ACT UP arrests at Hoffman-LaRoche regarding TAT inhibitor, although it was twice reported on NBC (Feb. 9 and 11).

Roche has failed to release information about TAT inhibitor despite five years of very slow research and $2.8 million in government subsidies. TAT inhibitor is different from other anti-HIV treatments because it halts replication in already infected cells rather than just preventing infection of new cells (see *AIDS Treatment News*, Jan. 1).

I urge all *B.A.R.*, *SF Bay Times* and *Sentinel* readers to call Hoffman-LaRoche President Patrick Zenner (201) 235-5000 and demand timely TAT research or turnover of TAT research to the National Institute of Health. Call because the lives of people with HIV depend on the *rapid* evaluation of the safety and efficacy of new drugs. Thanks.

John Iversen
ACT UP/East Bay

k.d. lang in the Red (Not)

Red, as the dictionary describes it, "the color of blood; a political, a radical; vigorous and lusty." Red is what I noticed while watching the Grammys recently. I was struck with tremendous respect for each performer who chose to show solid support for AIDS awareness by wearing a red ribbon, which has become part of the black and white formal dress code thanks to the many celebrities who have the power to influence many of us to take a position and advocate with confidence.

I have a red ribbon. It sits on my desktop. I put it on and off for different occasions. I am indecisive on whether or not it is proper to wear at all times, within social and business environments. However, after watching the vastly different celebrities show their support (I was very impressed with young Kris Kross), it has created a *conscious, confident* decision within me to wear my red ribbon every day, everywhere, until the cure for AIDS is found.

The only ironic thought I have is that I couldn't help but notice my idol—the only reason I even watched the Grammys—k.d. lang was one of the very few celebrities *without* a red ribbon. As gay Americans we are powerful; we are passionate; we can make a difference. The prestige of k.d. lang prevails over us. I presumed that lang, a "gay celebrity," would wear a red ribbon—I was wrong.

Brilliant and stubborn, k.d. lang learned the hard way about those "Tears in Heaven." Eric, I applaud your wearing a vigorous red ribbon.

Debra Sattari
Walnut Creek

Documenting Carl's Homophobia?

I am a graduate student attending CSU Fresno (also known as "Fresno State"). The current administration and food services are in the legal process of negotiating a contract for an on-campus restaurant, to be operated by Carl's Jr.

I recall reading heterosexist and homophobic views in the past regarding its founder and CEO, Carl Karcher. This has already been mentioned to the Food Services Advisory Board, but they have stated that these views have not been documented.

I need your help and the assistance of your readership. Does anyone have any further related information on this subject? Past bona fide press clippings, contact people, any facts will suffice. It is my primary objective to prevent Carl's Jr. from becoming part of the CSU Fresno campus.

Time is of the essence! Thanks for your time, energy and support in referring any material to me at PO Box 4192, Fresno 93744.

Peter Robertson
Fresno

Do it for Maine

This is an appeal to those of us who were born in Maine, have friends and relatives there or who may want to visit one day.

I am asking you to join me in writing a letter to the editor of the *Maine Sunday Telegram.*

For the ninth time in 17 years, our sisters and brothers in Maine will be struggling to pass a bill that would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The last three attempts have been tantalizingly close.

If the bill passes, Maine would join Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Hawaii, Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey and California as the only states with some form of a statewide sexual orientation anti-discrimination law.

For a complete "Lobster Letter-Writing Kit" call (415) 864-8812. Thank you.

Bob Gordon
San Francisco

Why Bother, Hon?

Let's put Gene Price on the rack, shall we? If he detests *Valley of the Dolls* and, as he says, "avoided exposing" himself to the 1969 camp classic in the first place, why bother, hon? Why review it at all?

Really, Gene! These struggling artists have achieved a theatrical miracle here and I, for one, applaud them all. I intend to see it again and again! I loved it!

SF Bay Times, don't you have any other theater critics besides that tired old cabaret queen, Gene Price? Honestly!

J. Proctor
San Francisco

Our Responsibility

Like it or not we/you/I are in the middle of a battle. It is a fight as basic as right versus wrong, good against evil. It is nothing less than that.

If you choose to pooh-pooh the situation facing our community you are on the wrong side of the fight. Like it or not we are front page news. The president of the United States is on our side. How about you?

The battlefronts are many—some drawing more ink and air than others.

The Colorado question—to boycott or not? The real question should be: How did the ballot question get asked in the first place? How was the amendment proposal even validated? If the amendment dealt with a racial or religious issue, the howls would have been deafening. But instead, the question was put on referendum and we/you/I lost. New battlefronts are being drawn. Petition papers have been taken out in California. Likewise Florida, Idaho, Maine, Missouri, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon (again)!

How much will it cost to fight this hatred? One thing is for certain—it will cost a lot more not to. The sooner we stop it the less that cost will be. The battle is bigger than gaining acceptance in the military. It's bigger than the right to legal domestic partnership. It is so big that most of us will never benefit from the fruits of our labors, not even those of us who live to a ripe old age.

Our work is for the future generations of lesbians and gays struggling to accept themselves in a world where being "queer" is taught to be something wicked and vile.

While it is all so overwhelming, everywhere we turn (water cooler chatter about "those people," televised bashing by the elite of the United States Senate, the hissy fits of the pompous pimps of the pulpits), the answer is not to bury your head in the sand. Clicking your heels together won't deliver you from it either. For better or worse this is home.

And we can make it better. We/you/I have to. If a Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights Bill were to pass the Congress, our president would sign the measure. It would invalidate those state by state battles and millions of dollars spent to fight each one of them would be saved. Have you written your representatives? Do you have relatives in those ultra-conservative districts whose addresses you can "borrow" for the sake of sending a letter? Letters to the liberals are fine, but the target should be the fence-sitters. And, perhaps most importantly, try to get to Washington, D.C., for the April 25 rally. It will be our opportunity to show the world our numbers and our diversity. Go! By bus, plane, train or thumb, it will be the single greatest event you will ever experience. We need this strength, this shared experience, now more than ever.

If there is simply no way your body can be there, make certain your spirit and support is there. Make out a check for $5, $10, or whatever amount you can and send it to the National March on Washington, PO Box 34607, Washington, D.C. 20043. This national effort is not government subsidized; we/you/I must pick up the tab. It is our responsibility. And we must each take up the cause.

David Reid
West Hollywood

For Children

Many of you may remember the Children's Services Fund from their involvement with the November, 1991, Proposition J. The voters agreed to set aside a portion of the city's general fund to directly meet the needs of children under age 17. After some six months of deliberation, 41 nonprofit agencies, along with San Francisco's departments—school district, social services, public health, recreation and park, public libraries—are targeted for funding.

On Feb. 23, the first session of the Economic Vitality and Social Policy Committee of the Board of Supervisors heard public testimony, with last minute input for a revised final plan that was issued Feb. 26. Weakness in leadership, insensitivity to disabled and homeless youth, as well as excessive administrative costs—not to mention several neighborhoods and some existing children's programs—were overlooked in the process.

Supervisor Kevin Shelley introduced a motion to develop an oversight committee; others stated that we needed unity among programs for the sake of our city's children. One suggestion was to have children themselves become empowered to direct their future needs.

On March 16 the revised plan will be heard again for final approval in the newly named committee, of which Willie Kennedy is chair, Barbara Kaufman co-chair and Roberta Achtenberg member (Sponsor of Children's Service Plan 1993-94, file no: 185-92-5).

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office for Children, Youth and Families at (415) 554-8990 or visit the office located at 10 United Nations Plaza, Suite 260.

Michael Nulty
Grassroots Organizer
San Francisco

Cervical Cancer Warning

Linda Stregor, co-author of *Dykes Loving Dykes* and longtime disability activist, has been diagnosed with a type of cervical cancer—adenocarcinoma—for which she will need a radical hysterectomy.

We would like other lesbians to know that as much as 35 percent of cervical cancer is not detectable with a pap smear until it is far advanced. If you are experiencing any unusual bleeding and/or a watery discharge, talk to a doctor about a colposcopy test, which is quick and not too painful and could save your life. Most information about cervical cancer only deals with the squamous cell type which is different from adenocarcinoma.

Linda is having surgery this month. Those who would like to send cards and/or donations, please write to 434 41st St., #1, Oakland 94609, checks payable to Lisa Hubbard. Any donations would be very much appreciated.

In Dyke Solidarity,
Sylph
Oakland

Common Sense 101

Kwezi Sembe begins his reply to my letter ("Knee-Jerk Anti-Americanism" *SF Bay Times*, Feb. 11) by saying, "Andrew Towne's prattling diatribe...." Very impressive, Mr. Sembe. You obviously have a certain rhetorical flair. But does your letter ("Global Politics 101," *SF Bay Times*, Feb. 25) actually say anything? Are there any arguments worth responding to? I don't think so. Still, I will try.

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Pick Up Your Plane Tickets: March on Washington April 25

See Clinton, Protest, Party, Then Lobby for the Rest of the Week

by Tim Kingston

What started as a protest looks more and more like a celebration: "The March on Washington comes when there has been an explosion of interest, awareness and controversy around lesbian, gay and bisexual issues. This march is more than just a walk up Pennsylvania Avenue. It is the next step in closing the final chapter of the civil rights battle in America, that is, gay and lesbian rights," declared Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

"We do have assurances that Clinton wants to have strong visibility that day," says Scout, co-chair of the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. She says Clinton will probably not be on the main stage, "but some time that day we will see Clinton; that is the feeling we are getting [from the White House] right now."

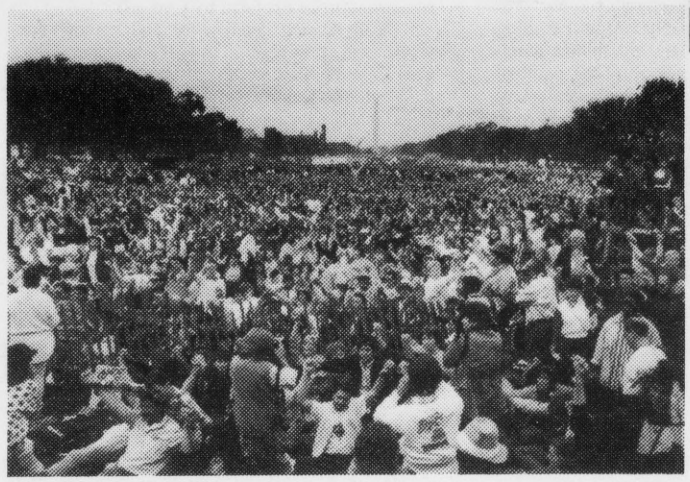
On April 25, Washington, D.C., will be host to hundreds of thousands, perhaps even a million or more, Queers, Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transpeople—numbers that the political power structure pretends not to know even exist. The politicians face four days of intensive lobbying on the real "homosexual agenda"—our demands for civil rights, health care, lifting the ban on gays in the military and full recognition as respected citizens.

"Clinton and Congress [need] to know there are promises that were made and need to be kept," says Kerrington Osborne, public policy coordinator for the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. "For me," says Osborne, "It is especially important for gay, lesbian and bisexual people of color to come out in large numbers to show there really is diversity in the community, however one defines community." That recognition has already started with the endorsement of the March on Washington by the NAACP on Feb. 25.

San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden sees the March and its corresponding events as a chance to "help focus and mobilize the lesbian and gay presence for the '90s... There has been a period of dormancy, at best, and it is time to smash through that veneer of resistance."

THE BIG DAY

The march will kick off at noon, and—if 1987's march is anything to go by—will crawl at a snail's pace up Pennsylvania Avenue to the Mall, where the main platform and speeches will begin at 1 pm.



The 1987 March: Compared to this year's, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

Photo by Barbara J. Maggiani

According to Scout, the featured speakers will include Urvashi Vaid, former director of the NGLTF, Dr. William Gibson, chair of the board of the NAACP, Ginny Appuzo, and representatives of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the NGLTF. She was cagey about which other luminaries will be appearing, but promised "strong support from Hollywood" and added, "lots of politicians want to be on stage, even more than we have room for." She continued, "There is no question that in Washington, D.C., this has been defined as a huge, huge event that everyone will have to take a position on."

But, more fun than that will be the Indigo Girls performance onstage—Scout added that the Indigo Girls officially "came out" in response to the invitation. Melissa Etheridge is also a potential performer, and the march is trying to get Dionne Warwick as well (in support of niece Whitney, perhaps?). The whole shebang is slated to be emceed by Kate Clinton.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

But the march is only one of literally hundreds of events scheduled between April 21-27, ranging from the serious to the silly, with everything imaginable in between. The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) is sponsoring "Divas Simply Singing" which will include Thelma Houston, Phyllis Hyman, Melba Moore, Dionne Warwick, Marsha Warfield and other divine creatures. Don't forget your platforms.

There will be a Biblical Self Defense Workshop (huh?), a Lesbian Physicians Conference, a Harmonic Convergence of gay and lesbian choral societies, a Country and Western Extravaganza, a Dyke March, a Drag Show Extravaganza, a Gay Men of Color AIDS Institute and leadership conferences galore. There will be ACT UP actions, a premier of Marc Huestis' film *Sex Is...*, S/M leather fetish parties and conferences, national meetings of the Asian Pacific Lesbian Network, the BEAR Network and BINET. The list goes on and on and on.

But one can't spend the entire time partying. Well, you can, but since politics is the lifeblood of Washington, D.C., one should join the vampires and suck some of it while you are there. The March on Washington, Mobilization Against

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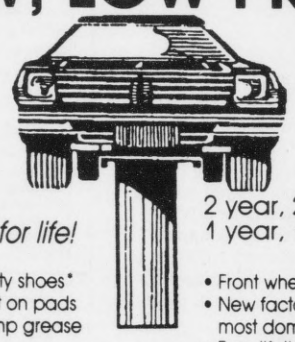

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AIDS (MAA), the NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign Fund are organizing and planning four solid days of lobbying before and after the march on April 22, 23, 26 and 27. The emphasis will be on increased AIDS funding, lifting the ban on gays in the military and passing the gay civil rights bill.

Adrienne Blum, MAA's field organizer for the western region, says, "The most important thing is that people go in and talk to their senators and representatives and let them know they are out there....Lesbian, gay, bi and trans people helped put Clinton in the White House house, and now it is important that we get something back."

Bray adds that it is particularly important to present a counterattack. Remember, he says, that "San Francisco is a star of *The Gay Agenda*, that horrible anti-gay video that is making the rounds of the Pentagon, so we need a slew of all types of gays and lesbians from San Francisco to show up." Bray also says there have been a series of articles in the mainstream press saying that only one or two percent of the population is gay. "In other words," he snaps, "There are only 49 homosexuals in the United States. So we need a million queers in the capital—that will double the population of D.C., and that will drive the point home that gays are everywhere."

ACT UP, FIGHT BACK, FIGHT AIDS

ACT UP chapters are sponsoring several actions. On Friday, April 23, a Lesbian AIDS Action Protest by ACT UP/New York will take place outside the Dept. of Health and Human Services.

On Saturday, April 24, ACT UP/DC is organizing a peaceful Hands Around the Capitol Protest to focus attention on the Senate. Now that control of the White House has passed from the homophobes in the Republican Party, Bryan Barr, one of the organizers of the event, says Congress has become "an obstacle to providing more Ryan White money. They have trimmed the amount Bush wanted for the AIDS research budget. They have reduced the funding of ACTG sites at a time when public need of their resources is growing. AIDS funding has plateaued or decreased now compared to inflation." Barr says, "We have to demand that ignorance on the Hill be addressed."

There will be direct action and civil disobedience actions on AIDS all day Monday, April 26, organized by ACT UP and other queer activists. In addition, queers and gay and lesbian activists are organizing a march on the Pentagon on Monday to demand the end of the military's ban on gays and lesbians.

That is one of the major reasons that Mark Duran of Queer Planet is going to D.C. from San Francisco. "I think that that Pentagon needs to be shut down for a day, and queers from SF know how to do that. I hope that inspires people to go...All you have to do is close the 14th St. Bridge and everything out there is fucked. I think the kids from San Francisco can shut that down. We can just block that bridge. We have got the experience!"

Having said that, the core issue for Duran is to get recognition from the federal government as an official minority, with the passage of a gay rights bill. He says, "Gays in the military is fine, but I say cut the military budget to $2 a year."

For those waverers out there who still don't know if they want to go, listen to Cynthia Goldstein, a gay rights and AIDS attorney at the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, who missed the 1987 march. She is determined to be there this time. "This is a unique historical opportunity, something that people in the community will be talking about for a long time. And we all know how it feels to sit and listen to other people's stories and not have one's own stories to tell—I am looking forward to telling some of my own stories. Besides, Bill and Hillary might be there. It would be a remarkable event if they march with us or spoke. It would be a time to pause and have a few moments of celebration—and that is something we have not been able to have for a long time."

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There They Go Again?

AIDS Prisoners Charge Retaliation at California Medical Facility at Vacaville

by Tim Kingston

The California Medical Facility (CMF) at Vacaville is once again embroiled in controversy. This time three inmates at the prison hospital—Brian Carmichael, Charles Perry and Laos Shuman—say they have been singled out for retaliation by prison officials opposed to their AIDS activism. Last year the three helped organize a hunger strike for better AIDS medical care at the prison—a move which focused a media spotlight on the prison and prompted a critical report by Assemblymember John Burton (D-SF) demanding better medical care for prisoners with AIDS.

Prison officials deny any retaliation goes on. But reports coming out of CMF indicate the three inmates are being falsely accused of disciplinary offenses. Carmichael, Perry and Shuman, respectively, are charged with conspiracy to assault a prison guard, disruptive behavior and lying to the press—a criminal offense unheard of in the outside world.

Assembly member Bob Epple, the new chair of the Committee On Public Safety (COPS) which oversees the prison, says, "I would not allow activist witnesses to be retaliated against."

If the inmates' allegations prove true, Epple says he will include "appropriate language" in next year's California Department of Corrections (CDoC) budget. How? Epple sits on the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee, which controls the CDoC budget. He noted dryly, "When it comes to purse strings, those are the items of most concern to any administrator."

Brian Carmichael, confined to his cell since Feb. 23, wrote to the *SF Bay Times* on Feb. 26, saying, "After ten-and-a-half years in prison, and two months till I parole [sic], the prison is alleging that I was conspiring to stab a guard... a guard towards whom I bear no animosity or ill will whatsoever. It's preposterous on the face of it, and underneath I believe lies the prison's true motivation: retaliation and damage control."

Carmichael asserts the charges against him are just one part of an ongoing pattern of harassment he has suffered at the hands of CMF correctional officers ever since he began his AIDS activism last fall. Carmichael's assertions of retaliation are backed by other prisoners, ex-prisoners and state officials familiar with conditions at CMF.

RETALIATION... WHAT RETALIATION?

Prison officials deny the charges of retaliation. Lt. Scott Kernan, CMF's recently appointed press liaison, says the prison has no motivation to retaliate; instead he says the prison is "making a lot of progress." Kernan explains that CMF is improving medical care and staff sensitivity regarding HIV issues, adding, "Warden Ingle will not accept retaliation."

Although he states there are no "overt efforts" at retaliation, Kernan does acknowledge that "there may be instances on the staff where communication between inmates and staff may not be what we want professionally."

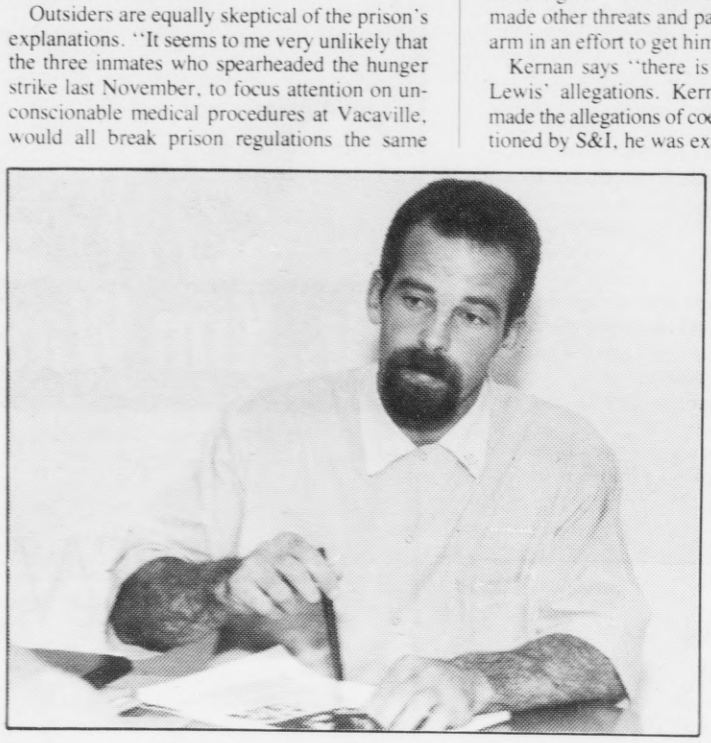
According to Kernan, the allegations against Carmichael—conspiracy to assault a guard—are serious enough to warrant administrative segregation, which confines Carmichael to his cell and revokes his privileges. In the cases of Shuman and Perry, Kernan says the disciplinary actions taken were relatively minor, and not retaliatory.

Sterling O'Ran, the recently appointed prison ombudsman, also dismisses the allegations of retaliation. "Do I see overt acts in response to their direct activism? No, I don't see that." O'Ran even says, "Many officers here are citing the inmates' contribution for optimizing the circumstances. There are more staff, and there is more medical care. I think a vast majority of the staff thinks that things have improved as a result of their activism."

Charles Perry, an inmate with late-stage AIDS, does not buy their story. "It is clear that someone has taken a serious dislike to our activities." Perry says neither he nor Carmichael have had any disciplinary problems for about two years, and he asserts Laos Shuman has never received a disciplinary write-up, ever. Perry says, "For the three of us to come down with these disciplinary measures is very, very suspicious. I would like to have the same odds applied to the California state lottery; I would have won!"

PRICK UP YOUR EARS

Outsiders are equally skeptical of the prison's explanations. "It seems to me very unlikely that the three inmates who spearheaded the hunger strike last November, to focus attention on unconscionable medical procedures at Vacaville, would all break prison regulations the same week," says Jim Lewis of ACT UP/SF, who has been following events at CMF for several months. "A pattern of retaliation seems an inescapable conclusion." That conviction is shared by many, including attorneys, prison activists and a government source contacted by the *SF Bay Times*.



Vacaville inmate Brian Carmichael: Accused of conspiracy to assault a guard right after the CMF was investigated for its abysmal medical care for AIDS patients. Carmichael was one of the inmates who brought attention to the facility by staging a hunger strike.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Rep. Burton rumbled, "If [retaliation] is happening, I am pissed off. It should not be happening. We will do what we can." Meanwhile, Epple says he is in contact with CDoC on the issue, and there are indications that COPS staffers will be visiting CMF soon to investigate the charges. Finally, attorneys representing the Gates consent decree—a court decision mandating improved conditions at the prison—are due at CMF to investigate the charges of retaliation.

Figuring out exactly what is going on will not be easy, warns former Gates consent-decree attorney Sam Miller. He says it is often hard to distinguish between retaliation and plain old-fashioned discrimination. "Since there has been so much mistreatment of the HIV population, sometimes it is hard to tell if it is retaliation [for organizing] or just—I should not say just—the more widespread [anti-HIV] discrimination."

VOCAL FOCAL POINT: BRIAN CARMICHAEL

Of the three inmates, Brian Carmichael faces the most serious charges. If convicted of conspiracy to assault a guard, he could find another six months tacked onto his sentence. Coincidentally, Carmichael is also one of the most vocal prison activists, and many regard him as a perennial thorn in the side of the prison administration.

Lt. Kernan says that on Feb. 22 Carmichael was overheard by anonymous witnesses discussing the plan with two other inmates. Kernan says Carmichael was immediately placed in administrative segregation due to the seriousness of the charge. On March 4, Carmichael was given a second hearing, after over 150 inmates were interviewed about the incident. Kernan says sufficient evidence exists to warrant Carmichael's continued administrative segregation.

But critics note that prison justice is different from the concept of justice in the outside world. Corey Weinstein, of the California Prisoners Rights Union, terms the process a kangaroo court: "There is no judge and jury, and the prisoner almost always loses."

Carmichael and other sources also charge that CMF "Security and Investigation" (S&I) officers tried to force his cellmate, Scott Lewis—also allegedly involved in the plot—into making false statements about Carmichael.

According to a letter obtained by *SF Bay Times*— apparently signed and dated by Lewis on Feb. 24—S&I officers demanded that Lewis sign a statement implicating Carmichael. When Lewis refused, "One of the officers grabbed me and slammed me against the wall telling me that I had better sign it." The letter also charges the officers made other threats and painfully twisted Lewis' arm in an effort to get him to sign the statement.

Kernan says "there is no factual basis" for Lewis' allegations. Kernan says when Lewis made the allegations of coercion after being questioned by S&I, he was examined by a physician who found no visible marks. Kernan also stressed that Lewis was one of *many* inmates interviewed who made the allegations against Carmichael.

BLOW-UPS AND BADMOUTHS

Both Charles Perry and Laos Shuman are charged with much less serious offenses. But according to Perry, disciplinary measures taken against them are no less retaliatory. *SF Bay Times* was unable to reach Shuman for comment.

Perry, who was charged with "disruptive behavior," acknowledges blowing up at CMF medical staff when he found that a microwave used to heat food for prisoners with AIDS was not accessible to inmates in the hospital unit.

"I would not be upset about being written up for saying that the men are not getting hot meals, but then they make up this charge," complains Perry. He thinks the disciplinary charge is a cover to get at him without acknowledging the medical care problem. "I imagine it would be difficult to write me up for saying that they are feeding inmates cold food!"

Lt. Kernan denies retaliation, saying the punishment was for a minor infraction, and explained, "He is a boisterous inmate...[and] he made some inappropriate comments to the medical staff." Ombudsman O'Ran backed Kernan's version of events, saying, "My review of it is that [disciplinary action] is not unusual for inmates who are angry or loud or disruptive."

Laos Shuman was given a disciplinary write-up for making allegations about medical care in the HIV hospital wing that were not entirely accurate. "What happened was, he basically got a write-up for lying to the press," says Dr. Jan Diamond, chief medical officer for AIDS services at CMF.

Shuman is a member of Pastoral Care Services, a Shanti-like group in the prison, caring for terminal AIDS patients. Dr. Diamond says that when one patient repeatedly received less than optimal care, even after Shuman made several complaints to nursing staff, Shuman told a TV reporter that medical conditions at CMF had not changed. Dr. Diamond says that Shuman's assertion was unfair. She willingly admits that patient care in that particular instance was not good. "But it was not the same order of badness as people dying without medical care."

Kernan acknowledges Shuman has a First Amendment right to speak to the press, but in the same breath he defended the prison's disciplinary measures: "An inmate that will spread falsehoods and validate distrust through his work with Pastoral Care Services will not be tolerated by the institution." Kernan says Shuman is still able to participate in the pastoral care group.

Perry is not impressed. "Laos is in an untenable position....His advocacy is viewed as compromising Pastoral Care. In order to keep his job, he has to remove himself from the movement. It is an extremely efficient way to shut people up."

WHY RETALIATE NOW?

The irony of the current controversy is that it is blowing up just as CMF is finally implementing substantial HIV medical care reforms. Granted, the reforms are due to John Burton's scathing report on the lack of decent AIDS care at the facility, but the reforms are being implemented nonetheless.

The prison hospital now has three full-time AIDS physicians. Medical staffing has been increased by almost 300 percent, involving 75 medically related employees. A full-service hospice care unit will be opening any week for prisoners with AIDS who are too ill to be housed in the general prison population, but not ill enough to be in the hospital.

For the first time, CMF has a chief medical officer for HIV, Dr. Jan Diamond, who not only has a telephone, but an office to herself.

"I am actually quite pleased at the progress," says a mildly astonished Dr. Diamond. "All in all, I expected to be frustrated at this point. But I am actually feeling better!" She is not the only one. Prisoners, staff and outsiders are all pleased with the reforms CMF is implementing.

So what the hell is going on? There is, of course, the prison's contention of "no retaliation." Ombudsman O'Ran asserts, "If you were to come into the institution on any given week, you would find many incidents of discipline that are similar" to the punishments being applied to the three inmates. But that comment provides little reassurance to outside critics convinced there is retaliation.

Inmates Perry and Carmichael speculate the motivation for the disciplinary procedures are designed to shut them up so the prison can garner some favorable publicity for the opening of the new hospice unit. ACT UP/SF's Arawn Eibhyln, also believes the prison is trying to emphasize its positive achievements. He says that the Burton report gave the CDoC 90 days to clean up its act. That period is almost up, and the CDoC wants to present its reforms in the best possible light.

"While it might on one side seem stupid to charge Brian Carmichael, it is actually pretty crafty," says Eibhyln. If Carmichael can be discredited by accusing him of plotting to assault a guard, the mainstream media will be less interested in listening to what he has to say.

One cynical state government source suggests a more warped, but simple explanation for the sudden disciplinary measures against the prison activists. "This is an insane system, and people have been warped by being in it too long. It's kind of like the Legislature."

The most likely explanation of the retaliation is that anyone who speaks up in prison becomes a target—be they prisoner or staff. Weinstein, who directed a soon-to-be-published 46-state study of prison discipline, found that the most-disciplined prisoners are those who file complaints against the prison authorities. He says, "Being a jail house lawyer is the main reason one receives discipline. What they do on the inside is to criminalize protest—like they do on the outside. This is an obvious attempt to criminalize protest." ✿

Dykes in the Desert: Dinah Shore Weekend At Palm Springs

By Ann Larner

Dinah Shore is upon us again. The annual golf tournament, which has become a virtual pilgrimage for lesbian revellers, will turn Palm Springs into Girls Town for the weekend of March 26. Caroline Clone, whose CC Productions has hosted dance parties since the early days, has watched the Weekend gain notoriety each year. Even her friends in Europe have heard the tales, she says, although some of the stereotypes may do an injustice to the wide variety of women who make the trip. "They come in all ages, from all walks of life," says Clone, who estimates that up to 10,000 women descend upon the town.

Dinah Shore entertainment starts early in the week, when players warm up with practice rounds and Pro-Am golf, and some establishments throw welcome parties for those who can't wait for the weekend to get started. But the weekend really begins on Friday, when CC Productions, working with Canada's W.I.L.D. Productions, will mark its tenth anniversary with what will probably be the largest blast in Dinah Shore history. As its subtitle suggests, "Funny Girlz, 'More Than Just Another Dance Party,' " the event goes beyond the standard dance party, bringing three top female comedy performers to the stage of the Palm Springs Convention Center and following that with a night of dancing expected to draw 4,000 or more. Award-winning comedienne Ellen DeGeneres will headline, preceded by lesbian heartthrob comedy star Kate Clinton and up-and-coming lesbian comedienne Suzanne Westenhoefer. DeGeneres, a frequent "Tonight Show" guest and HBO standup performer, is considered one of the best new comics in the country. Tickets will range from $25 to $30 and are available at Ticketron, A Different Light, or via the Convention Center.

The DJ starts up when the comedy stops and the dancing area can be expanded beyond the 4,000 capacity if necessary, giving the party the distinction of both the largest crowd and the least crowded. C & C Music Factory's Debra Cooper will drop in around midnight to play a few songs, and dance- only tickets will be available for $15 at the door or $12 in advance.

Competing with Clone on Friday will be Klub Banshee's Night of 2,000 Gorgeous Women II at the Desert Palms Inn, while Le Moulin Rouge with 3,000 Tres Chic Women will take over the entire club at Bono's. Country/Western fans can choose from Boot Scootin' Boogie Time at the Riviera and/or Dena Kaye, live at the C.C. Construction Company at 8:30 pm.

Saturday can be spent recovering from Friday, watching golf, pool hopping, or preparing for the next round of Sapphic soirees, which include Monte Carlo Madness at the Riviera (20 bars and roving Can Can girls), Dance Party and After Hours at C.C. Construction Company, and the self-explanatory Second Annual Desert Palms Bra Party. Sunday offers tea dances, whipped cream wrestling, and a 10 am to 10 pm poolside party at the Riviera.

Tons of women actually do go to the golf tournament, which starts on Thursday at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage. Tickets are available at the course (619-324-4546). The Dinah Shore is one of the richest and most prestigious tournaments on the LPGA, paying out $700,000 in cash and attracting the best women golfers in the country. If you love to play golf so much you can't stand to just watch it, the area is home to a zillion golf courses, and the weather should be perfect.

Palm Springs hotel rooms are still available as of mid-March and airfare from San Francisco starts at $138 round trip, depending on when you book your ticket.

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The first annual "Lesbians of Achievement, Vision and Action Awards" (LAVA) have been announced by Maureen O'Leary, President of Bay Area Career Women (BACW). The awards will be presented at a dinner and dance on Saturday, March 13, in San Francisco. The event will benefit BACW's commmunity-based "A Fund of Our Own," which provides grants to lesbian projects in health, human services, legal rights, education, arts and culture.

Guest speaker at the event is Margarethe Cammermeyer, a former colonel with the National Guard, who was discharged in 1992 after 26 distinguished years of military service, when she came out during a routine security clearance.

The LAVA honorees are Adele Prandini, reci-

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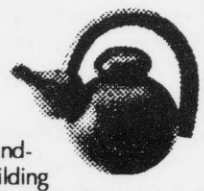

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The Price of Bigotry:

Colorado Springs Loses State Bar Association Convention After Mayor's Alleged Homophobic Outburst

by Tim Kingston

Some people in Colorado just don't get it—or maybe they do, which is even more frightening. At a Jan. 14 meeting, Colorado Springs Mayor Robert Isaac was asked to write a letter specifically inviting gay, lesbian and bisexual attorneys to attend the 1993 Colorado Bar Association (CBA) conference. Three witnesses at the meeting allege Isaac then replied, "You mean I have to invite the queers to Colorado Springs?"

"We were surprised and stunned," says Tom Cross, the former president of the 12,500 member CBA. Cross and the other two witnesses, Chuck Turner, director of the CBA, and Scott Briggs, a CBA attorney, stood outside on the sidewalk afterward, saying, "Did you hear what I just heard?" Yet Mayor Isaac and Colorado Springs City Attorney Jim Colvin—also at the meeting—flatly deny the accusation.

Reaction to Isaac's alleged comment came on Feb. 24 when the CBA executive committee voted not to hold its annual conference in Colorado Springs this October. This decision will cost Colorado Springs—birthplace of Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2—an estimated $200,000 to $1 million in lost business. The CBA vote follows hot on the heels of a U.S. Conference of Mayors decision not to hold their annual conference in Colorado Springs either. Why? Amendment 2.

What the CBA wanted from Mayor Isaac was a letter to gay, lesbian and bisexual attorneys, saying they are welcome in Colorado Springs, despite the fact that the city is the home of Coloradoans for Family Values (CFV). The CFV created and successfully catapulted Amendment 2 onto the ballot.

Instead, what the CBA got on Feb. 22, seven weeks after the request, was a generic invitation letter that pointedly left out any reference to sexual orientation. Chuck Turner, CBA's excutive director, charges that the letter "ignored our concerns that [the letter] include all our members."

Turner says the CBA vote against Colorado Springs was taken reluctantly, after a series of abortive negotiations with the Colorado Springs city administration. Turner adds, "The decision to move was because of a clear indication that, indeed, some members of the bar were not welcome."

"I feel that the Mayor's remark is representative of how those in power in the city view our request [for a gay-friendly invitation]," says Wiley Daniel, the president of the CBA. Daniel says the CBA did not publicize the Mayor's alleged homophobic remark when it occurred because the CBA was trying at that time to negotiate a way to keep its annual conference in Colorado Springs.

Currently, the CBA is scouting out another location for the conference—this time in a Colorado county that voted against Amendment 2. The 1993 conference theme will center on civil rights, with forums on hate crimes and homophobia.

"I am very proud of the Bar for not putting up with discrimination of any form," says Mike Gonser, a founding member of the recently formed Colorado Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association and a member of the CBA conference site-selection committee.

But resistance to bigotry has its price. Jaimie Henderson, a member of the gay attorneys group, warns, "The bar is getting a lot of flak.... This is the first big in-state move of a convention, [and] the bar is the most mainstream organization that opposed Amendment 2."

MAYOR "BORED" WITH CIVIL RIGHTS

"The mayor has just gotten tired of the whole thing," declared Terry McKann, a public affairs official for Colorado Springs. "He has been quoted as saying he is now bored with the issue. I will tell you, the mayor emphatically denies he made that specific remark."

Colorado Springs City Attorney James Colvin backs the mayor: "He said no such thing." Colvin added, "It is just not in the character of the mayor." Mayor Isaac was decidedly unavailable for comment.

Both McKann and Colvin accuse the three CBA attorneys of fabricating the entire incident to justify CBA's executive committee's decision not to hold the convention in Colorado Springs. They charge it was all a positioning tactic to gain publicity and support for the change of venue.

When told of their analysis of the situation, CBA ex-president Cross sighed deeply, saying, "I am disappointed in Jim Colvin. I am disappointed he does not have the courage to step forward and tell what really happened." Cross adds, "I don't think they know what else to do other than deny it.... Either that or the mayor is so used to using that language that he did not think it was out of the ordinary."

McKann says the mayor decided not to write a letter specifically inviting gay, lesbian and bisexual attorneys because Mayor Isaac "did not think it would be appropriate to invite one section of the community" in particular. When pressed, McKann downplayed the CBA's concern about homophobia, saying that other groups including "smokers and nonsmokers" might press for special invitations if the mayor relented.

When it was pointed out that Colorado Springs is the home of CFV, and that could easily discourage gay attendence at the conference, McKann sidestepped the question, saying, "Amendment 2 originated with an organization that happens to be based in Colorado Springs. The mayor and the city have not taken a position on Amendment 2."

McKann defended the mayor's refusal to take a stand against Amendment 2, arguing that it is a "social issue that is based on the values of people." He also said the mayor has to "heed the will of the voters," that "the people have spoken in Colorado."

Two years ago, however, Mayor Isaac and the city council *did* take a position. In fact, they rejected an effort to pass antidiscrimination legislation including sexual-orientation protections. When questioned on that vote, McKann said, "I don't have the background on that. That issue was to be discussed [by the council], and they determined it should not be included."

Julie Cooper of Ground Zero, a Colorado Springs-based group formed to repeal Amendment 2, asserts that not only did Isaac oppose sexual-orientation antidiscrimination legislation, "he actively fought for Amendment 2 and fought for its passage." She started laughing when told of Mayor Isaac's denial that he made the "queer" comment, saying bluntly, "The man is a bigot."

According to Frank Whitworth, office coordinator for Ground Zero, this was not the first time Mayor Isaac used the "Q" word in a pejorative fashion. Whitworth says he attended a breakfast meeting two years ago during the mayoral election campaign where Isaac told a queer joke. "I remember being furious about it," says Whitworth.

McKann reacted angrily to that accusation. "Aw, come on. I don't have information on that. This is ridiculous... I don't think the [mayor] would even dignify that with a comment."

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Overall, one gets the impression that the political and business leaders of Colorado Springs wish the whole controversy would just go away. Terry McKann certainly does. He gamely tried to sell *SF Bay Times* on Colorado Springs. "This is a great place. We don't have a record of hate crimes against gays and lesbians. It is a place where people live in harmony.... Despite the claims by various groups, you will not find a nicer place to come for conferences and I certainly invite you out anytime. It is a place where you can go out at night and feel safe."

But how safe you feel in Colorado Springs now depends on who you are. Julie Cooper says she felt safe in Colorado Springs—until Amendment 2 passed. "Now I make sure my keys are in my hand when I go out. I check the truck."

Cooper adds, "I have been run off the road. People have been yelling at me in the rearview mirror because of my bumper stickers.... I am pretty outspoken; people know who I am. I have gotten threatening phone calls in the middle of the night, voices telling me they will kill me." Cooper says gays, lesbians and bisexuals in Colorado Springs now live in fear of both their livelihoods and their lives.

Despite the near-constant controversy and harassment fighting Amendment 2 brings on, Cooper is gratified by the CBA decision. "The fact that a highly respected group says we cannot support what is going on in the area speaks volumes about the fact that Amendment 2 is unconstitutional and morally and socially wrong." ✿

Gay Bingo?!!!

by Tom W. Kelly

Gambling? Right here in San Francisco?! Gambling? That begins with "G" which rhymes with "T" and that stands for Trouble. I was shocked and horrified. What kind of vultures are preying on the poor, innocent people of San Francisco? Okay, I don't personally know any innocent people in the Bay Area, but there must be at least one. And he or she might perchance fall victim to the grasping manipulations of, I vividly imagined, zoot-suited, violin-case-toting con men and women.

By gambling, of course, I refer to the reprehensible rumors of weekly bouts of bingo! Yes, bingo. Deftly disguising myself as a gay man out for a night of fun and profit (tight jeans and T-shirt), I resolved to investigate. My destination? The basement of the Most Holy Redeemer Church, at 100 Diamond St. between 18th and 19th in the Castro neighborhood. I cleverly showed up at 6:30 to mix with this heinous crowd of degenerate gamblers. I blended seamlessly. Hmmm...

The two men at the door were deceptively friendly and helpful. I explained that I was a bingo virgin. They fell for it! (Well, I *was* a *bingo* virgin, but...) Anyway, for $12 they handed me a hefty stack of multicolored sheets of paper, comprising 14 rounds of bingo with 12 "cards" per round. Oh, you also need to buy a dauber to mark your bingo cards. (They cost $1.25 and last and last.)

I sat near the middle of the room (in the non-smoking section) to get a clear view of that big electronic bingo machine that lights up the numbers called—I mean, to observe the perpetrators and their hapless, helpless victims. Yeah. The huge room was soon filled with over 200 men and women. And what a variety! Young, old, straight (SOME!), gay, butch and femme. A real smorgasbord!

The excitement in the air was electric. A general buzz of conversations surrounded me. Everyone seemed to know each other. It all appeared so friendly. So comfortable. More like a party than a covert operation. Hmmm. These people are more clever than I suspected.

Volunteers (male and female) circulated through the crowd exchanging pleasantries and selling further opportunities to make a quick buck... or more (50 cents to $200!): pull-tab cards with tantalizing names such as Cherries, Criss Cross and Gold Rush as well as early-bird specials, intermission specials, u-pick-ems and more. Sporadic shouts of joy were heard as scattered individuals discovered winning tickets. I held out. They weren't going to pull me into the spirit of their den—I mean basement—of iniquity.

Paul, the cute man across the table from me, purchased virtually some of everything. And he did pretty well. Nonchalantly I inquired as to his various winnings. He'd been coming faithfully for about three years, and he won pretty often. And on the nights he didn't win? Well, he shrugged and said, "At least the money went to a good cause." Good cause? What's this about a good cause? Like in charity?

Paul also pointed out some of the more impressive attributes on some of the volunteers. Gracious! Protruding pectoral muscles and bounties of bulging baskets. Luckily I was filled with self-righteous morality or I'd have swiftly had zipper tracks imprinted on my face and/or suffered from T-shirt burns. I was a man with a mission.

Paul told me to dab out the odd numbers on my last bingo cards. On odd-numbered days you dab out the odd numbers, and on even days the even. The last game is a total black out, and the award is $200. $200?!!! Gee, I could use $200. I could buy a soft drink (soft drinks and munchies are available at dirt cheap prices) for one of the humpy volunteers, I mean villains, I mean... $200?! Hmmm.

The first pre-game began and was quickly over.

Jim Brown, a real Bingo Queen! The winner of the first game has the honor of wearing this tiara. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

The numbers were verified and money was distributed swiftly and efficiently. Cash. Non-reportable too. Now what was that about a good cause? As in charity? The second pre-game passed and the real thing started. $150 for the first game of Regular Bingo or 4 Corners.

The electricity in the air was now practically palpable. I'm sure my hair was standing on end. Twelve bingo cards to check in what seemed like mere seconds. Hardly time to double check. My neighbor, Paul (the over-achiever), had 24 cards! As soon as I got just a couple of numbers marked, someone else invariably bingo'd (is that a verb?). I was surrounded by happy winners, eagerly watching their winnings counted out before their very eyes. And... and... donating back various amounts. What's going on?

Four games passed in a blur. The Lime round, game five, began. As soon as a number was called out, I raced my eyes over my 12 cards (seemed like more), dabbing with religious fervor. Within just five numbers I heard some queen shriek out "BINGO!" Damn! That was my voice! I had bingo! *I* won! I WON!! I WON-N-N!!!!! But so did somebody else. Creepy little claim-jumper. I asked Paul if two people could win, and he assured me it was okay. We just had to split the money. Split it?!!! But the $150 was MINE!

Nervously, I heard my numbers being verified. What if I made a mistake? I'd look like such a GEEK! Luckily no errors. I then watched the greenbacks slapped down before me. Hey, this gambling thing is okay! Great, even. I donated back $20 of my $75. Smirking, Paul watched me pore over my bingo cards during the next games. "Don't be so greedy," he mocked. I should have slapped him, but I was feeling generous.

You know, as serious as this group could get about this insane game of luck, they undeniably have their twisted sense of humor. "Lucky 13." That's what the caller says when B-13 comes up. B-11 is chicken legs. And every time he calls O-69, the whole room screeches, "O-o-o-hhh." Oh, really.

I didn't get any more bingos. Or even a door prize (three $50 cash awards and dinners at Welcome Home restaurant). But I did have a wonderful time. And I met some nice people, including the friendly bearer of those powerful pectorals. Sigh...

And you know what? As explained to me by Randy Merrill, bingo chairman, the whole thing is 100 percent volunteer! Expenses are kept to an absolute minimum. And an incredible amount of the bucks go to AIDS-related charities: Coming Home Hospice (50 percent), the Godfather Service Fund (25 percent) and PAWS (25 percent). The 1992 contributions as of Sept. 30 added up to $48,000, reaching an impressive total in 6-1/2 years of $325,000!!!

The night I attended, in addition to the take at the door and associated sales, a total of $620 was donated back by the various winners. To celebrate the last bingo night for 1992 (Dec. 17), volunteer Steve Crocker generously matched ALL the evening's donations. The other volunteers and the bingo-ers (is that a noun?) pooled their resources and accumulated $1,800, which Crocker met, garnering a total of $3,600! What an amazing atmosphere of sharing and camaraderie.

On Jan. 21, the 1992 fourth quarter earnings were announced—$15,000! Checks were disbursed to representatives from Coming Home Hospice ($7,500), The Godfather Service Fund ($3,750) and PAWS ($3,750). Short but sincere speeches were made by all, followed by tremendous cheers and applause.

Gay bingo—fundraiser, social event, good time and a chance to win some big bucks! Gambling! That begins with "G" which rhymes with "T" and that stands for Terrific!

Coming Home Hospice Bingo, every Thursday, Most Holy Redeemer Church basement, 100 Diamond. Doors open at 6 pm; games start at 7 pm; end by 10 pm (or earlier). $12. ✿

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Women belly dancers undulated at the Emporio-Armani party for the Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Project Open Hand on Mar. 1.

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Gay-Positive Soap Writer Dies

NEW YORK - The soap world has lost one of its few gay-positive head writers. Douglas Marland, who for the past seven years led the writing team at CBS' "As The World Turns," was responsible for creating daytime's first ongoing gay male character, as well as giving women something more to do than drink coffee in the fictitious town of Oakland, Ill.

Marland, 58, died on March 6 of what the family described as complications from abdominal surgery.

Interviewed many times by this reporter, Marland often said that he wanted to use his position at one of TV's top-rated soaps to educate daytime viewers about gays and lesbians as well as about social issues such as AIDS, Native-American land rights and the plight of Amerasians.

Never one to stray away from a controversial subject, Marland's writing efforts recently won the program an Emmy for its storyline about a female detective who is raped by an HIV-positive thug while trying to stop a robbery. Marland's storyline on Hank Eliot, the gay male fashion designer who won the hearts of daytime viewers a few years ago, also won an award.

Under Marland's aupices, the program began featuring women in positions of power—as heads of corporations and as doctors, lawyers, activists.

Previous to his work at "As The World Turns," Marland was head writer for "General Hospital" and "Loving."

Boy Scout Leader Decries Homophobia

SAN FRANCISCO - The labor representative on the Boy Scouts board has denounced the organization's policy of excluding gays, girls and atheists.

Joe Velasquez, director of community services for the AFL-CIO, also criticized the millions the outfit has spent in defending its bigoted policies.

"To me, it's a straightforward issue of civil rights," he said in an *SF Chronicle* interview. "I think that a lot of board members are concerned about the policy and, if asked directly, would say they would like to see it changed."

International Solidarity Needed

SAN FRANCISCO - La Red Latina Lesbica y Homosexual del Continente Americano, a direct-action organization in defense of the rights of queers throughout the American continent, is calling for international solidarity to denounce what it views as the ongoing murder of gay men and transvestites in Mexico since 1991.

Demonstrations will take place outside of the Mexican consulates in San Francisco and Los Angeles on March 19 at 5 pm. La Red will declare the first day of spring as the "International Day for Lesbian and Gay Life." Groups in cities throughout the country are being urged to stage similar protests.

For more info, contact La Red at (415) 252-8673.

Anchorage Passes Gay Rights

ANCHORAGE - The first gay/lesbian rights bill in Alaska was passed on Jan. 19, amending the municipal civil rights code to protect municipal employees and individuals working for private municipal contractors from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The vote followed five weeks of heated public hearings and overrode a veto by the mayor. The final legislation was a compromise measure in the eleventh hour. The original bill would have protected all citizens of Anchorage.

In the wake of the new law's passage, a group calling itself Citizens to Repeal the Homosexual Ordinance has collected enough signatures to place the issue on the ballot in the April 20 elections. Gay, lesbian and bisexual activists working to defeat the referendum are asking for donations. Send checks to Alaskans for Civil Rights, PO Box 201348, Anchorage, Alaska 99520.

NGLTF Wants Meinhold Appeal Ended

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force are calling on President Bill Clinton to instruct the Department of Justice to withdraw its appeal in the Keith Meinhold case.

Last January, Judge Terry Hatter Jr. ruled in the Meinhold case that discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military is unconstitutional. Meinhold, a naval officer, was dismissed for being gay.

The Justice Department, in its appeal, does not call for Meinhold to be discharged, nor does it challenge the merits of Hatter's decision.

"Women's Rights Are Human Rights" historic hearing held for IWD on the severe abuse of immigrant women in Calif.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Playing the Numbers Game

NEW YORK - *Newsweek* is playing what openly queer singer/songwriter Tom Wilson Weinberg once called "the gay name game."

In its Feb. 15 issue, the national magazine asked: "How Many Gays Are There?" The answer, the publication found, is hardly worth the page of copy used to expound it: "No one knows for sure."

Stating that many are refuting Kinsey's infamous 1-in-10 theory about how many gays and lesbians there are in the world, the magazine admits that no one else has come up with a credible stat. The right claims it's 1 percent, while National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago says 2.5 percent.

But the jury's still out.

Streetcats Fight Bashings

LOS ANGELES - A national campaign Fund to Stop Gay Bashings (FSGB) has been launched by Streetcats Foundations, a California-based public benefit corporation that sponsors community anti-bashing Streetcats Street Patrol in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

FSGB will use donations and proceeds from the sale of special "Stop Gay-Bashing" buttons and "Stop the Hate—With Love & Understanding" T-shirts to begin a national action campaign. For more info, contact FSGB, Streetcats Foundation, Suite 1416, 7510 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, 90046 (213) 969-2475.

Talk About Invisible Lesbians!

SAN JOSE - The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) Lesbian Traditional Family billboard, which features an interracial lesbian couple, went up on Monday, Feb. 1 and was painted over on Wednesday. The reason?

The battery shop below the billboard received a bomb threat, and the owner had it covered in white paint. But GLAAD used the incident as a media opportunity to educate the public about homophobia.

The billboard project has placed 20 other posters in California, most recently in Oakland.

It Ain't Over Yet, Hongisto

SAN FRANCISCO - National Lawyers Guild attorneys filed a class-action suit against the City, Mayor Frank Jordan and ex-police chief Richard Hongisto for the mass arrests made after the Rodney King decision brought thousands into the streets.

The suit seeks damages for civil rights violations claimed by 380 people who were arrested on May 1, 1992, the day Jordan declared a citywide state of emergency. It alleges that police, under Hongisto's direction, broke up a protest at 24th & Mission before it had a chance to begin, trapping scores of neighborhood residents and passersby as well as protesters in police dragnets as far away as the Castro. Those arrested were detained at Santa Rita jail in Alameda County until the next morning.

Hongisto was fired as police chief shortly after the incident for allegedly ordering police officers to seize thousands of copies of *SF Bay Times* after the paper ran a satirical composite of him.

Gay-Sensitive Admiral Retires

PENSACOLA, FLA. - The Naval admiral who ed a stink because he protected a man accused of making gay advances has retired. Jack Fetterman, who would not turn over Chief Petty Officer Edmond Bonnot to the Naval Investigative Service, but instead referred him to a superior for alcohol counseling, says he doesn't know what he'll do now.

The Bonnot case has been reopened by the military, with the petty officer facing a court-martial. Says Fetterman of the proceedings, "I think it sets a bad tone when higher authority then comes in and says you didn't do the right thing."

Supreme Court Lets Her Down

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS - In other military news, Texas Air Force 1st Lt. Heidi DeJesus asked the U.S. Supreme Court to block a discharge hearing against her because she is a lesbian and allegedly committed sodomy with an enlisted person.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans denied her request for an injunction. DeJesus wants both the Defense Department ban on gays and lesbians in the military and the Pentagon's sodomy law nixed.

The Supreme Court said "no," and the discharge proceeding goes on.

Signorile Still Stirring Up Shit

NEW YORK - Random House held a rap session with controversial queer author Michelangelo Signorile to quell discomfort among workers about the author's *Queer in America: Sex, the Media and the Closets of Power*, due out in May.

Even gays and lesbians working for the powerful publisher object to Signorile's book being a part of the company's catalogue. What's the bad boy of the queer front, the man who invented outing while a columnist for the now-defunct *OutWeek*, have to say? He says he's not surprised by the fuss.

Viewing "Brothers," an educational/interactive video designed to help stop the rising tide of HIV infection in the Black gay community. Photo by Rink

Abuses Against Immigrant Women Documented

SAN FRANCISCO - Testimonials of human rights abuses against women are being gathered around the world for presentation at a U.N. World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna in June.

The historic meetings are being sponsored by women's groups and human rights organizations throughout the world. One such hearing, addressing the multiple forms of human rights violations experienced by immigrant and refugee women, was sponsored by 30 Bay Area organizations on

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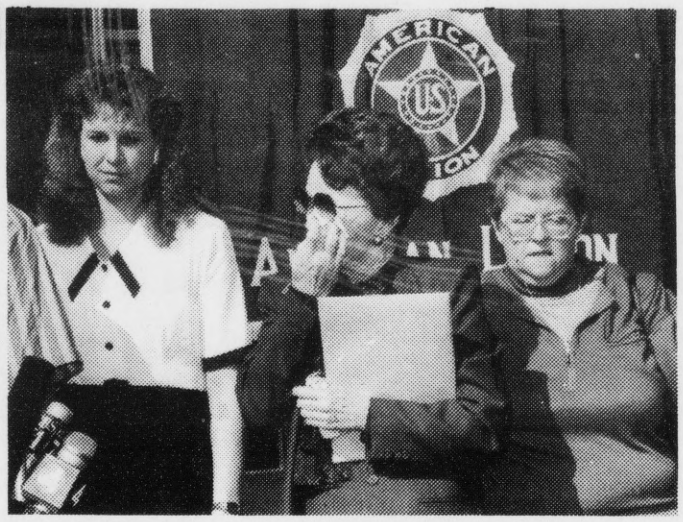

Mothers of gay sailors who served on the USS Belleau Wood gathered at the War Memorial on Mar. 7 to protest the Navy's mishandling of the investigation into the death of Alan Schindler (Schindler's mother on right). Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

March 8.

The June Conference on Human Rights in Vienna will be the first conference of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in 25 years.

Transsexual Firing Upheld

OLYMPIA, WASH - The Washington State Supreme Court has upheld the firing by Boeing of a pre-op transsexual the company claimed dressed "excessively feminine."

Hired by the company in 1978 as an engineer, "Jane Doe" realized she was a transsexual in 1984. Doe was told by Boeing that until she had surgery, she could not use the women's restrooms nor dress in an excessively feminine manner, meaning no frilly blouses or dresses. She could, however, wear unisex clothing and even clear nail polish. After the company received complaints that Doe was dressing too femininely and using the women's room, she was fired. She filed a discrimination suit.

The Supreme Court said that Boeing did not discriminate against her.

The MCC AIDS Timeline was displayed on Feb. 28 to mark the more than 10,000 San Franciscans who have died of the disease. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

A Celebration and Tribute to the late Emperor Joshua Norton was held on Feb. 28. Each year, Jose Sarria as Widow Norton (pictured) leads a delegation to her late husband's grave. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Bits & Pieces

• The NAACP has voted to endorse the April 25 National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. The endorsement "marks the beginning of a new and very important coalition," says Dr. William Gibson, chair of the NAACP board of directors.

• The Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco has opened a community center in the Castro area to provide meeting space for lesbian, gay and HIV groups. The church has leased property at 4035 18th St., between Noe and Hartford, that will be dedicated on May 1 as part of the church's 23rd anniversary celebration. For more info, call (415) 863-4434.

• Two measures, sponsored by the Life AIDS Lobby and cosponsored by AIDS Project Los Angeles, to stop insurance practices that discriminate against persons with HIV and AIDS, were introduced on March 2 by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-SF) and Sen. Art Torres (D-LA). The measures are AB 1100 and SB 590.

• The Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission seeks new members who are community activists knowledgeable and skilled in the areas of AIDS/HIV, antiviolence, disability, education, health, youth, diversity, civil rights and women's issues. Send a letter and/or resume by March 19 to Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Advisory Committee, SF Human Rights Commission, 25 Van Ness Ave., Ste. 800, SF 94102-6033.

Over 600 marched in commemoration of Int'l Women's Day, on Mar. 8. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

• Lesbian photographer Tee Corinne and gay photographer Mark I. Chester will lecture about and show their work at Camerawork, 70 12th St. in San Francisco, at 8 pm. The event is titled, "Sexual Photography and Homoerotic Imagining." Admission is $5. For more info, call (415) 544-1136.

Victims of the illegal Gerrard-Bullock-ADL spy ring gathered Mar. 3 at the Hall of Justice to find out if they were blacklisted. SF Police Chief Ribera in background. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

• San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan has directed the Commission on the Status of Women to work with appropriate city agencies to formulate a code of conduct regarding sexual harassment. Currently, San Francisco has a sexual harassment ordinance, which addresses harassment in the workplace. But Jordan's intent is to provide guidance for city employment.

• According to the latest stats from Colorado, the boycott effort may have now cost the state that passed the first anti-gay law $150 million. That breaks down to $1 million a day since the law passed on Nov. 3. The law is not currently in effect, as a suit has been filed to declare it unconstitutional. Oral arguments are expected to be heard on May 24 or 25. Stay tuned.

• Dr. Mark Pope has been elected president of the California Career Development Association, the professional association for career counseling and development. A longtime gay activist, Pope is also director of psychological services at the American Indian AIDS Institute.

• Staff members of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute met recently with the U.S. Attorney General designate Janet Reno to brief her on the issue of anti-gay/lesbian violence.

Asian AIDS Project's safe sex show, "Dates," starring the "supermodels" was held Feb. 25-28. Photo by Rink

• In preparation for the possibility that an Amendment 2-style ballot measure may qualify for the California state ballot, Project D2 is gathering a list of individuals and groups who follow fundamentalist political activities. It is the group's hope to establish a clearinghouse of information on right-wing political strategies. Amendment 2, which passed on Nov. 3 in Colorado, nixed the state's gay rights laws. Call D2 at (415) 765-7610.

• The Artspring Foundation, a newly established nonprofit corporation which plans to provide financial assistance to Northern California queer artists, needs board members. Call Jim Stafford at (415) 337-9554 to volunteers.

• Community United Against Violence has a new lesbian and bisexual domestic violence project to provide education, outreach and support. It's funded by the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women. For info, call (415) 777-5500.

• The San Jose/Evergreen Community College District voted Feb. 23 to pull $1.9 million in funds out of Bank of America because the bank contributes to the homophobic Boy Scouts. The action was taken at the urging of gay trustee Ken Yeager. Two weeks earlier, the Associated

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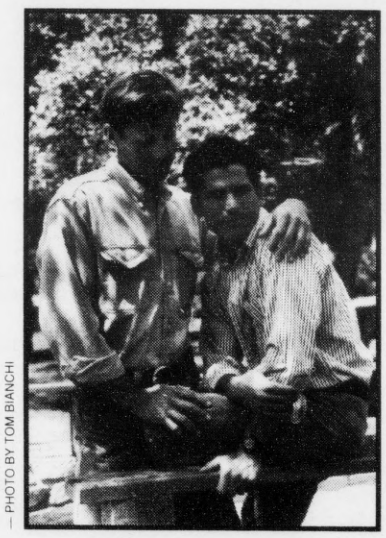

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Community Center: Core of Homospirituality

Some consider San Francisco the gay mecca of the world. Some would say we have a lot of flash and feuding divas but no spiritual core. New Yorkers often say NYC is the cultural center of the world and the place to be. Those from L.A. claim to have the entertainment capital. Setting aside the charm and appeal of Stonewall and Santa Monica Boulevard for just a moment, something homospiritual did happen here in the '60s of which we can be proud.

Back before the boy look or the boys with the look were even born, queers who were friendly, funny and searching for a community (not a look), circled their wagons in the Castro and threw down the gauntlet: This is who we are and this is our territory. Their large, gay investment in a small coastal town, plus San Francisco's high regard for alternative lifestyles beguiled a significantly large percentage of gay people into working hard and investing in a community where they could prosper and be themselves.

The old-fashioned gay people fought hard for the political and social influence some of us enjoy today. Somewhere along the way, in celebrating our open, uncompromised gay presence, we have lost the values and historical continuity with which we began. We cared for each other as outsiders. Now that we have convinced ourselves that some of us have a newfound status inside the system, we care for agendas and factions that only concern very narrowly defined groups. Those groups usually are not culturally diverse. And not understanding our culture, our diversity, our history leads us to repeating previously made mistakes.

There were many firsts in San Francisco. Barbara Cameron and Randy Burns started the first gay American-Indian liberation organization here. Harvey Milk was the first openly gay public official here. Tom Waddell started Gay Games here. Mike Smith began Black and White Men Together here. We can also boast the first gay band and the first gay street fair.

However, some of our entrepreneurs wanted to keep the emphasis on hedonism, bars and baths, and away from the less commercial; more homospiritual enterprises. The bar and bath owners were guarding their pots of gold, and the gay media, which largely is supported by their advertising, was helping them de-emphasize less commercial enterprises. Had there been less emphasis on drinking, drugs and doing it, there would be more of us to tell the tale and we would be in better health today.

We briefly had a community center over on Grove Street. Many of our gay merchants, already in the good-time business, did not support it. My recollection of the center was bizarre people and forbidding dispositions. The center was bulldozed under by the Moscone administration for redevelopment. When Dianne Feinstein ran for mayor, she appealed to the gay vote by promising to support another community center. This lead to the Pride Foundation disaster and the appearance of impropriety in high places. The Who's Who board of Pride Foundation was noteworthy, however, because it was San Francisco's first attempt at pairing the Black and gay communities in any mutually beneficial project.

Of course, gay art can be exhibited on dimly lit bar walls. But a gay community center is a place we could all exhibit our art, photographic collections, a place our youth could find camaraderie and alternative role models to the substance abuse and prostitution that run amok in some of our fast lane bars and on the streets. Sadly, it is possible to come out and not realize some gay people have values and principles because there are few forums for mentoring. I have salons and call NYC a lot. But where do other gay writers, poets and artists find validation and support while they are alive?

In attempting to arrange for the exhibit and archiving of Eddie Van's photographic works, I found out that neither Visual Aid nor the San Francisco Public Library was prepared to receive and exhibit the life work of this well-known San Francisco photographer who died of AIDS. The Gay and Lesbian Historical Society must be the best-kept secret in town. No one mentioned them to me during the 30 days I was looking for a home for Van's photographic work. Ironically, their archive is in the building where Theatre Rhinoceros is located and where the old OUT/LOOK Foundation board was located—and I served on that board!

I am sending Van's work to Morris Kight's archive in L.A. It is amazing to me that a gay mecca like San Francisco would not make prominent provisions for archiving its visual art history. When your friends die, where do you go to remember their participation in our culture? What will become of Robert Pruzan's work? Rink's? Or Greg Day's? They have chronicled our history and recorded who we are. Their importance is greater than just one location in the Mission or a dimly lit bar. If San Francisco had a multi-service gay/lesbian/bisexual center like the BofA building at Market and Castro, we could better serve our diverse community. Of course, it is entirely possible that our boycott of BofA may not have kept us in their highest regard.

BofA Building: SF's first gay community center? Photo by Rink

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Please, Mr. Sembe, do not call me a "global politics neophyte." Anyone reading our letters would know that you are the neophyte—with your amusing but unsupported claim that the United States is invading Somalia.

If you are so concerned about the welfare of Somalians, I suggest you complain to the Somalian warlords who are presently destroying that country. And I will note—not that it really matters—that to the best of my knowledge not one of those warlords is white. I take the trouble to point this out because all of the villains in your little piece are white; I thought I'd point out a few who aren't.

Also, Mr. Sembe, I had already gathered from your reference to yourself as a part of the so-called African diaspora that you are not a "birth citizen of this country." As for your politics, they are of no interest to me. What I do find interesting, and politically significant, is the way in which white liberal and left-wing politically correct types in the gay community and elsewhere suck up and spew out the kind of anti-white and anti-American drivel in which you seem to specialize.

And please spare us that tired old tune about oil. It's really just too hackneyed. You say that we waited two years to go to the aid of the starving people of Somalia and then cite this as some kind of proof that our real interest has to do with oil. But this "proof" argues for the opposite conclusion. If we were so interested in oil, why wait?

You sneeringly ask why the United States is more interested in its MIAs in Vitnam than in South Vietnamese MIAs. In asking this, you invoke a double standard: It's natural for everyone else in the world to care more for their own people than for other people, but unnatural for the United States to do so. Well, excu-u-use us!

This double standard reappears when you say, "... everyone on this planet knows that white males (of whatever sexual persuasion) are solely responsible for the destruction and misery suffered by people of color." Even if true, this observation is trite. By an accident of history, white males have had the opportunity to oppress non-whites and have often done so. So what? Would it have been any different if people of color or women had the power? I doubt it.

In point of fact, Mr. Sembe, it is not true that white males "are solely responsible" for the oppression of people of color. People of color have been oppressing each other for years. Witness the slave trade in Africa and the Middle East that continued long after slavery ended in the United States. Witness the caste system in India. You can slough this all off as the fault of whitey if you want to, but then I would point out that even before Europeans set foot on this continent, Native Americans were slaughtering each other with gusto. Human nature's less savory aspects are not limited to whites, however much you might wish they were, Mr. Sembe.

And I think it's worth pointing out that white males have sought to enfranchise minorities and women. I wonder just how many rights women and ethnic minorities have in your beloved Third World.

Last, Mr. Sembe, your use of thinly veiled threats against me, other white males and people of color you claim have sold out to whitey can only be described as pathetic. You express great concern over the "cavernous gulf between queer people of color and gay white males within the 'community'." I don't think you are concerned at all, given that your solution to this problem is unmitigated hate. If hate is what you want, Mr. Sembe, hate is what you will probably get.

In the meantime I suggest that you educate yourself to the fact that the world is not all black and white, either literally or figuratively. We'll call your course of instruction "Common Sense 101."

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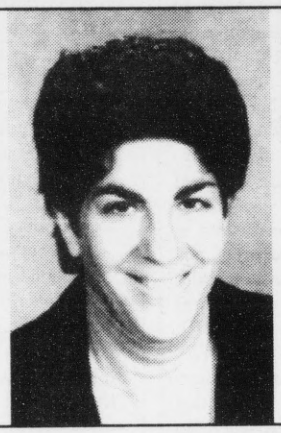

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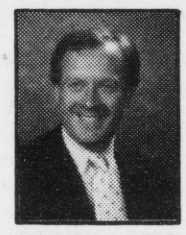

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aids treatment news by john s. james

Convergent Combination Therapy

With the recent news about a three-drug combination which stopped HIV infection in laboratory tests, an approach called "convergent combination therapy" has generated more interest than any other recent development in AIDS treatment. The media handling of the story has angered some scientists and activists, who point out that the idea is not new, and that there are a number of reasons why it may work less well in people than in the laboratory. There seems to be a rough consensus among informed observers that the development may indeed be important, that it has been overplayed by the media, and that there is nothing magic about the number three or about the particular three-drug combinations being discussed so far—certain other combinations might work equally well.

Drug combinations have long been important for many diseases which are difficult to treat—for example, cancer and tuberculosis— and AIDS experts have long suspected that HIV treatment, too, will require more than one drug. But there are different theories guiding the selection of which drugs are likely to work well together.

The usual approach has been to combine drugs which work at different stages in the life cycle of the target organism. (One successful example of such a combination is called co-trimoxazole, best known by its brand names Septra or Bactrim, which is used for treating or preventing certain infections. It consists of two drugs, trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole, combined in a fixed ratio, which block two different enzymes required by the target organisms.)

In AIDS, this conventional approach has called for combining drugs which work at different stages in the life cycle of HIV, in order to make more powerful treatments, and in particular to slow the development of drug resistance (since a mutant virus which happens to be resistant to one drug will, by chance alone, most likely be susceptible to the other; in that case, since the new virus still cannot grow, the dangerous mutation will be lost). Examples of this approach might be to combine AZT with a protease inhibitor, or with a tat inhibitor. Unfortunately this theory has had little practical test in AIDS, because all of the approved anti-HIV drugs, as well as many of the experimental ones now being tested in people, target only one point in the viral life cycle, the enzyme reverse transcriptase (which is essential for HIV reproduction, but not found at all in uninfected human cells).

The idea behind convergent combination therapy is that carefully chosen drugs against the same target, the reverse transcriptase enzyme, may work even better together than drugs against different targets. The theory is that reverse transcriptase must perform critical functions for HIV, and if it is changed too much (in order to evade various drugs), it may not work as well, and perhaps may not work at all.

For example, any HIV which is resistant to AZT has been found to have one (or more) of only five different mutations in the gene which codes for the reverse transcriptase enzyme—at codons (positions in the gene) 41, 67, 70, 215 and 219; the one at 215 is the most serious cause of AZT resistance. Of course there might also be others which are currently unknown. But the point is that there are only a few different mutations which can block the effect of AZT and still allow the virus to reproduce at all. Other mutations can convey resistance to ddI or to other drugs.

The idea of convergent combination therapy is to find particular combinations of drugs, all targeted against the reverse transcriptase enzyme, such that there is no combination of mutations which could convey resistance to all the drugs without also making the reverse transcriptase unable to function. Then any variant of HIV would either be susceptible to one or more of the drugs, and stopped by it, or would be unable to reproduce because of the incompatible mutations required to provide the various drug resistances. If the theory works, therefore, there would be no evolutionary pathway for the virus to develop resistance to all of the drugs.

The reason this idea is fairly new is that it may be most applicable to viruses—not to other disease-causing organisms such as bacteria, which have much more complex genetic machinery than viruses, including various ways to disable drugs without necessarily affecting the function which the drugs are targeting.

HISTORY: THE HARVARD EXPERIMENTS

According to a detailed news release dated Feb. 16 from Massachusetts General Hospital, convergent combination therapy was first proposed by Yung-Kang Chow, an M.D., Ph.D. student at Harvard Medical School, working under the supervision of Martin S. Hirsch, M.D., a noted AIDS researcher and professor of medicine at Harvard. In a poster at 1992's international AIDS conference, they reported that a genetically engineered virus, artificially given several mutations to confer simultaneous resistance to AZT, ddI, foscarnet and pyridinone (an experimental antiviral being developed by Merck, also known as "L661" or "the L-drug") was no longer able to reproduce.

A recent paper in *Nature*, which led to the current public interest, describes two different experiments. In one, viruses were artificially given various mutations, for different resistances to AZT, ddI and other drugs. When all these mutations were combined in a single virus, the reverse transcriptase (RT) activity of that virus was undetectable, and the virus became non-infectious. But when only some of these mutations were combined (for example, giving resistance to AZT and ddI but not to pyridinone, etc.), then the virus was still infectious (although somewhat less so than the original virus with none of the

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The second experiment tested combinations of two or more anti-HIV drugs, at concentrations which can be achieved in the body, to see whether they could prevent or stop an HIV infection in a laboratory culture of human cells. The combinations (1) AZT plus ddI; (2) AZT plus alpha interferon plus the Hoffmann-La Roche protease inhibitor Ro31-8959; (3) AZT plus alpha interferon plus soluble CD4; and (4) AZT plus pyridinone, all failed to do so (although AZT plus pyridinone almost worked). However, the three-drug combination AZT plus ddI plus pyridinone completely prevented the infection in the laboratory test. Even when the drugs were added at the peak of HIV infection, seven days after the virus was added, the three-drug combination of AZT plus ddI plus pyridinone stopped spread of infection in the laboratory cultures.

After 49 days of the three-drug treatment, the cells were placed in a drug-free medium for an additional 45 days, giving ideal conditions for HIV to grow. But after the 45 days, there was no evidence of the virus; nothing was found even with a PCR test so sensitive that it could detect a single copy of the HIV genetic information within DNA from 100,000 cells. This does not mean that the virus would similarly be reduced to such low levels in people—for a number of reasons, some of which are discussed below. But it does suggest that certain combinations (for example, AZT plus ddI plus pyridinone) might work much better as antivirals than combinations now in use (for example, AZT plus ddI).

The virus used in this experiment was obtained from a patient, not a laboratory strain or a product of genetic engineering. The particular patient's virus was selected because previous research had suggested that it included a number of variants of HIV.

The *Nature* article mentioned two other three-drug combinations which stopped HIV infection in laboratory cultures: AZT plus ddI plus nevirapine (BI-RG-587); and AZT plus ddI plus foscarnet. No details were given, however; a manuscript on these results is in preparation. The success of these other combinations (in the laboratory) illustrates that "breakthrough suppression is not unique to a particular convergent combination. Regardless of the mechanism of breakthrough suppression, as reverse transcription is necessary to create HIV-1 variants, complete inhibition of this process using convergent combination regimens should prevent emergence of multiply resistant viruses as well as any immune escape mutant viruses."

CONFUSION IN THE NEWS

One widespread confusion among readers of the news media reports of convergent combination therapy concerns the identity of the drugs being discussed (other than AZT and ddI). The media picked up the name pyridinone as the third drug used in the three-drug combination for most of the experiments in the recent *Nature* article. That name had not been widely known before the current publicity, and people have often not realized that it is another name for Merck's "L-drug," mentioned above.

Another confusion is that while the *Nature* article largely reported on AZT plus ddI plus pyridinone, the major clinical trial of convergent combination therapy, planned to start in a few months, will use a different convergent combination, AZT plus ddI plus nevirapine. Nevirapine (also known as BI-RG-587), an anti-HIV drug being developed by Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc., is similar to pyridinone in that both are non-nucleoside reverse-transcriptase inhibitors; and the drugs show cross resistance, meaning that a virus which has become resistant to one will also be resistant to the other even before being exposed to it. The combination with nevirapine was tested by the Harvard group and found to work; this was reported in the *Nature* article, but few details were given.

Another confusion stems from a short article in the current *Business Week* (March 8, p. 37) which includes the statement that "The three-drug approach worked with only certain strains of HIV—variations of the most common form, known as HIV-1— but it didn't work with other strains." We called the reporter, who told us that this statement referred only to the tests of whether a virus artificially given certain combinations of mutations could reproduce (not to the more direct and more important tests of whether a three-drug combination given to wild-type virus could stop its growth). However, the Harvard group only did this test on one kind of virus, and it did not have any failures (cases in which the virus could reproduce despite the mutations which conferred three-drug resistance).

WILL IT WORK IN PEOPLE?

To keep perspective on the potentially important but still unproven idea of convergent therapy, it is important to remember that most drugs and therapies which work well in the laboratory do not turn out to be useful in people. There are many reasons for this. Here are only some of the reasons why convergent combination therapy might not work:

- In the body, HIV infects a number of different kinds of cells—and drugs can work differently in different cells. For example, AZT works much better in T-helper cells than in macrophages, which also are infected with HIV. Before AZT

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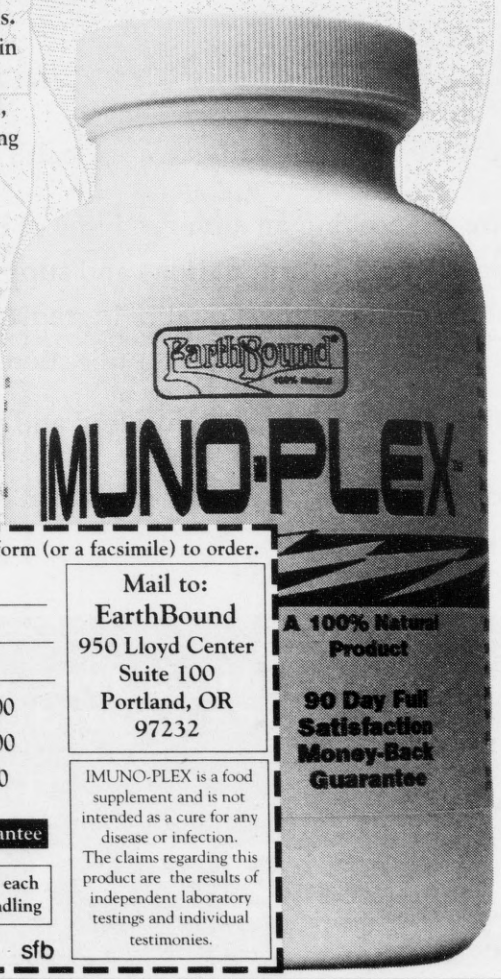

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can be effective, it must be chemically transformed to its triphosphate form after it enters the cell, and some cells are better than others at producing this chemical reaction.

If any of the three or more drugs used together for convergent combination therapy fail to reach effective levels in certain kinds of cells, then the virus could still grow in those cells, and the therapy would not be completely effective.

- New, unknown mutations might enable HIV to become resistant to any particular combination therapy. The large viral burden now known to exist in the lymph nodes during HIV infection gives plenty of chances for such a mutation to develop, if one is biologically possible.
- Different combinations of known mutations, other than those which have been tested so far, might also be able to confer simultaneous resistance to drug combination without preventing the virus from reproducing.
- Reverse transcriptase inhibitors will not stop viral activity in cells which have already been infected. Even if convergent combination therapy prevents further spread of infection, the virus in chronically infected cells could continue to cause problems. These cells could stay in the body for a long time. (In the laboratory cell culture experiments, in contrast, infected cells die and stop producing virus—meaning that eliminating the virus in cultures does not imply that the same drugs will eliminate it in the body.)
- Until drug combinations are tested in people, no one can be sure they will be safe—a question which is especially critical with drugs which will have to be taken indefinitely. There could be drug interactions which are harmful, or which make one or more of the drugs ineffective.

In the press release from Massachusetts General Hospital on convergent combination therapy, repeated cautions about not misinterpreting the results are underlined or in bold type.

CLINICAL TRIAL PLANS

The major clinical trial of convergent combination therapy, named ACTG 241, is expected to begin in a few months at sites throughout the U.S.—hopefully starting enrollment by May. Volunteers will be randomly assigned to receive either AZT plus ddI plus nevirapine, or AZT plus ddI plus a placebo. The trial will last one year. Originally it was scheduled to recruit 200 volunteers, but that number has been increased to 400. Sixteen sites are expected to participate.

A small study now ongoing at the University of Alabama is testing the combination in eight volunteers. This study is giving nevirapine to three groups of volunteers: one of which had been taking AZT alone, another taking ddI alone, and the third taking the combination of those two; only this last group will serve as a test of the convergent combination when the nevirapine is added. The main goal of this trial is to check that the combinations are safe, as ddI plus nevirapine has not previously been given to patients. The study is also measuring p24 antigen levels and is doing viral cultures, in order to get a quick estimate of whether or not the convergent combination therapy is working.

Another study, which is recruiting now in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Providence, may test a different convergent combination (with pyridinone combined with AZT and ddI), but the decision to try all three drugs has not been made yet. For now, the study will only test two drugs, comparing AZT alone with AZT plus pyridinone. Merck recently decided to begin a pharmacokinetic study to show that ddI and pyridinone can safely be used together; if this study is successful, then ddI might be added later to both treatment groups, giving a comparison of AZT plus ddI with the three-drug convergent combination.

To be eligible for this trial, volunteers must have a T-helper count under 250. Volunteers do not need to have been on any antiretroviral therapy in the past; they can qualify whether or not they have used AZT, ddI or ddC, but if they are currently using ddI or ddC, they will need to stop those drugs two weeks before entering the trial. (There might also be a two-week washout for AZT, and a four-week washout for d4T.) This trial will last 24 weeks, and weekly visits to the medical center will be required for the first eight weeks, then less frequent visits will be required. After the 24 weeks, L-661 should be available on an open label basis to participants, if the drug still looks promising at that time.

Forty volunteers are now being recruited at each site. For more information, call the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, (215) 662-2473; or the Pitt Treatment Evaluation Unit in Pittsburgh, (412) 647-8125; or the Miriam Hospital/Brown University in Providence, (401) 331-8500 x2928.

THE FUTURE

We are concerned that, no matter how well convergent combination therapy might turn out to work in people, there seem to be no plans or institutional means to get it to many patients for two years or more. The major trial may take several months to begin and then it will run for a year, with little chance of data being released before that year is up. Then it will likely take months for all the data to be collected from the trial sites, checked, analyzed, delivered to the FDA and published. Then, if that trial shows that the treatment works well, nevirapine could probably be approved for marketing, a process likely to take several more months at least.

What about parallel track, or accelerated approval, as a faster means to get the treatment to patients in the meantime? The problem is that, as far as we know, there are no plans to obtain the data needed to support either of these programs, until after the major trial is finished and analyzed. It is hard to believe that parallel track, let alone accelerated approval, could be based on only the eight patients now being studied in Birmingham. (The 120-patient trial discussed above may or may not decide to test the three-drug combination.)

What about the treatment underground? We have heard that a nevirapine underground will be difficult, because the published information on how to synthesize the drug would yield too expensive a product. Therefore, expert chemists would first need to develop a better synthesis procedure, and it seems unlikely that this substantial effort will come together underground when there is so little clinical evidence to prove that the treatment is useful. (We do not know how difficult it would be to synthesize pyridinone, if the combination including this drug should turn out to work.)

What should be done? Two different plans should be pursued. First, we need a rapid trial of convergent combination therapy with more than the eight patients in Birmingham but fewer than the several hundred in the major study now being planned. This proposed trial would look at safety, at markers of viral activity, and at T-helper counts and other markers of immune or general health. It should run for several weeks and then release the data available at that time, while offering the patients ongoing treatment and collecting longer-term followup data. One central question this trial would ask would be whether patients who continue to deteriorate on other therapies are likely to improve when switched to this one. If so, the unapproved drug in the combination (probably nevirapine or pyridinone) could be given accelerated approval, or made available through parallel track if the company is willing to pay the expense. (If not, there is no legal way to allow patients to pay the cost of parallel-track distribution, and governments are very unlikely to pay, so patients will be deprived of the drug. It is rumored that there have been a number of cases in the past where the FDA has pleaded with a company to make its drug available under an early-access program but the company has refused; the information remains confidential, however, so the public does not know, and cannot bring pressure to obtain the drugs or to reform the system. The only way we know around this

problem is to push for accelerated approval, which companies are very eager to cooperate with.)

Second, we should do more laboratory testing to find out whether combinations of reverse transcriptase inhibitors already approved or otherwise available (AZT, ddI, ddC, d4T, foscarnet) show promise as convergent combination therapy. If combinations of existing drugs work in the laboratory and then work in small human trials, physicians could start using them for patients with no alternatives, without waiting for official action to be completed.

Making the system work so that it does the right thing with convergent combination therapy could be an early task for the new "AIDS czar" when one is appointed.

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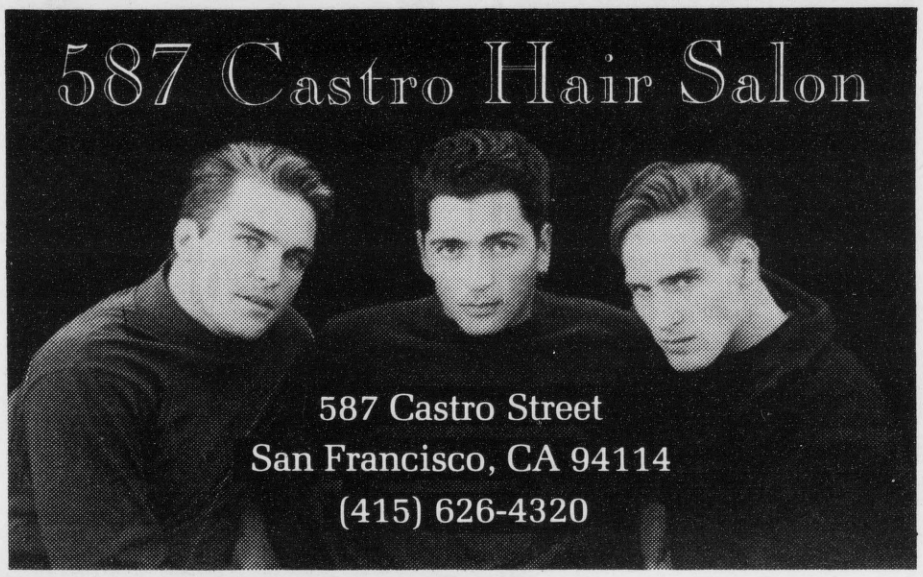

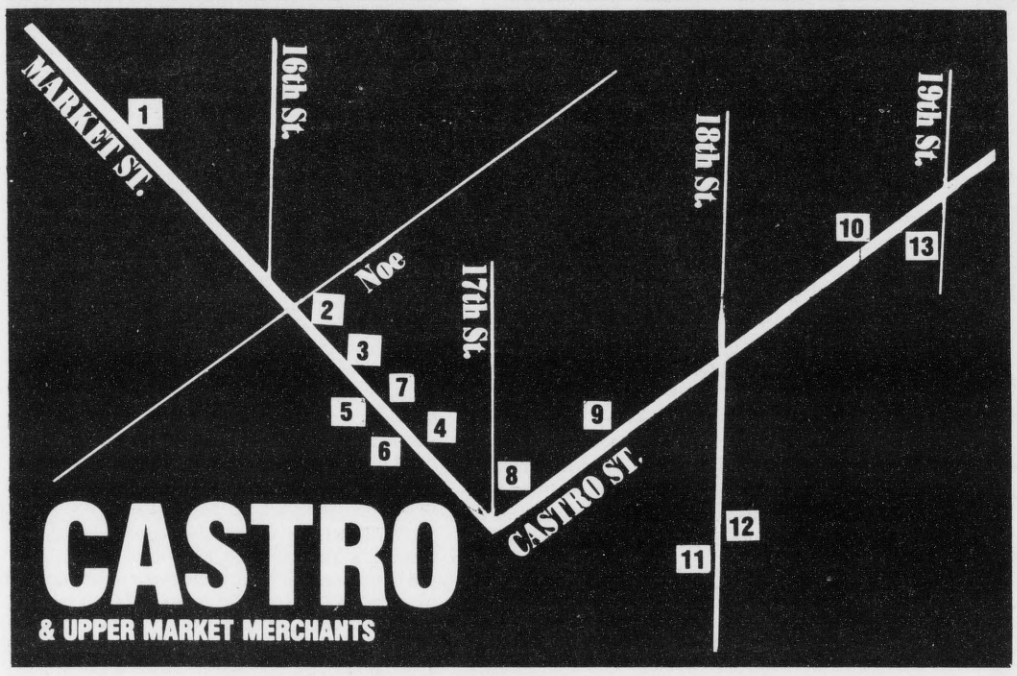

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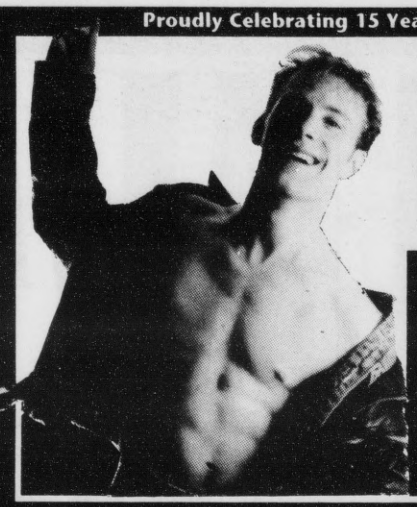

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Just when you thought things couldn't get worse... Today (March 11) Venus turns retrograde! Actually, a Venus retrograde needn't be a bad thing. It could be a chance to relive recent amorous pleasures, to re-evaluate and renegotiate deals, to reassess artistic efforts. If you're dead set on forging ahead into new romantic, commercial or aesthetic territories, think again! But you can revisit familiar issues and make them better.

Just as Venus turns, it is square to Neptune and Uranus. Venus aspects to Uranus and Neptune are usually a few days of quirky creativity, but this is more like two weeks (one past, one ahead) of general aesthetic and affectional indecision and rebellion. Surprising the object of your affection is probably not a good idea. Better to suggest something and let your love play with the idea. Together you could come up with something better than either could alone.

Jupiter (also retrograde, but with Jupiter that's no problem) is now squaring Mars, boosting energy and generous impulses, especially toward mates and others who feel like family.

Pluto retrograde is not noteworthy, but it is square to Saturn, raising the tension level and inviting rash acts of rebellion. Changes do need to be made, but slow down and consider them carefully! Midweek, about the 16th, will be a good time to talk out possibilities; to get clear on what you really want to achieve and how to get there.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Avoid any political struggles. It's just a lousy time for them. It's otherwise hard with grief and loss, but you'll find tremendous strength with your friends. There is good news: You're looking awfully cute these days, but you feel it's time to make some changes. A new look will help open up some surprising opportunities, but don't invest a lot in a new wardrobe! You'll want to make further changes in a few weeks. Energy is awfully high *chez vous*. It could be love, it could be carnal delight. In any event, make an extra effort to get along with roommates. *Happy Birthday: Chuck Slaton and Bonita Palmer!*

TAURUS: Hard work generally suits you well, but right now it's provoking you to make some very strong and outspoken commentary. You're usually such a gentle soul, a lot of people overlook what a control queen you can be, but it's obvious to all now! Your efforts at management can jeopardize partnerships and get you into trouble with superiors. Take time to meditate and center. Open up to spiritual revelations and you will take material problems in a neater stride.

GEMINI: Fun and games can get mighty expensive! You may feel very lucky, but this isn't the time for any kind of gambling. Well, maybe, just maybe a lottery ticket here and there. There are odd flashes of brilliant luck, but you could kill yourself trying to chase them down. Just let them happen. Unlucky at cards is indeed lucky at love this week. Friendly flirtations easily develop into a lot more.

CANCER: Well, aren't you just being the energetic little crustacean! Focusing energy into your home life is largely well and good, but be careful to include housemates in any important decisions. That means consulting with them and being considerate of their feelings, not simply issuing announcements of your intent! Be very careful with mixed messages at work (receiving *or* transmitting!) When in doubt ask yourself what Anita Hill would do. Death and grief are all too strongly present right now. You have creative gifts to deal with them more effectively. Using them will reveal great depths of strength.

LEO: Your bold outspokenness is delightful at most times, but now it reveals more of your inner self than you probably want people to see. Make sure to take time to talk with a trusted friend and let all that stuff out where it won't create—or exacerbate—problems. Home life and partnership are already pretty tough right now, especially if they're one and the same. It's time to re-examine, and perhaps make drastic changes, in your domestic and amorous commitments. With hard work things can get a lot better, but without deep examination and change it will get very messy. A vacation is tempting, perhaps even advisable, but it would be filled with weird surprises. Spiritual self-examination is better.

VIRGO: Hard work is something you're awfully good at, but your drive is now pushing into overdrive. A bit compulsive perhaps? Besides running yourself into the ground, your efforts are also making you difficult to get along with at work. Play is quite another story! This is a wonderful time for creative explorations and sensual experiments. You could easily get into more fun, or stranger fun, than you think you can handle. Don't underestimate yourself, but do be careful. (Yes, there is a middle ground!) Friendly enthusiasm can get mighty expensive. Remember that your real friends won't stick you with the tab!

LIBRA: You're enjoying a luscious run of good luck that can boost your career and lead to promotion, but it also puts you in somebody's way. It may take all your diplomatic skill to stay out of trouble with authority, but a higher authority is looking out for you. Home life is also promising to get weird. If you're tempted to move in with your lover, you can always expect some surprises, but now more than ever. At this time it's better to do a bit of decoration on your separate homes. Money, investments, and games are screaming trouble. Your best entertainment value is in volunteering to help at a benefit.

SCORPIO: We all know you're a control queen; that's not the issue. Your control issues are especially up around the house and that could make you nearly impossible to live with. If you feel a need for domestic discipline, exercise your own. A chat with your housemates could well be in order, but be careful about making demands and ultimata. Work life is easier, if no less weird. Your "wonderful" ideas for innovation are actually kind of spaced out, but likely deserving of some attention, lots of revision and consideration. Ideological arguments are lying in wait for you. Actually these are old traps you've laid out years ago coming back to haunt you. Enjoy the interchange, but don't take it too seriously.

SAGITTARIUS: Everybody is under unusual stress these days. Your outspokenness—usually charming and refreshing—is now revealing your own underlying tensions and setting off others'. Make a special effort to be careful of what you say in general, and give yourself a safe space to say whatever you need to get out. Playful, creative outlets will help to soften this period, but can get awfully expensive. Your friends have every reason to expect a lot of you. You could easily keep up with any of them, but trying to keep up with all of them can make trouble. Good news? With nothing more than a box of crayons, a pack of paper, and a carefully chosen social schedule you can easily make your own.

CAPRICORN: Teamwork is indeed important, but in your efforts to lead your team you can get overassertive. Typically you're a step ahead of others. Now you're dancing in circles, which is real cute, but it makes you a bit hard to follow. Work on focusing your energy to make yourself more of a team member. You'll do a lot better if you try to earn leadership by cooperating rather than trying to earn cooperation through your leadership. Familial or domestic activities will add to your charm and teach you some surprising new ways to make yourself attractive to others—and you'll be surprised (for better and for worse) whom you attract.

AQUARIUS: Your hard work is sure to earn you tremendous notice, but be careful not to push the point. Even at your best you tend to push a bit too hard and right now you are especially assertive and serious about your goals. That's not so bad in and of itself, but you are hardwired to challenge authority and these days you're a lot more threatening than you intend. Take time to meditate, enjoy long hot baths. That will soften your demeanor and help you make your points a lot more easily.

PISCES: Yours is the sign of sluts and saints; and they're not mutually exclusive. This week you get to explore the deeper side of your nature with a passion and verve rare even for you. Although your playful side can easily get you into big trouble, it doesn't look like anything you can't get out of. Miracles do happen and this is the time for them to happen! While you could happily indulge your tawdriest pleasures, you also face considerable spiritual challenges. Pay attention to the offers made by friends, but don't necessarily rely on those offers. *Happy Birthday: Dale Johnson, Melissa Tindall, & Vaughn Jones!* ✿

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MAR 11 / THU

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 3/25 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Writing Wkshop for Survivors & Caregivers: 12-wk writing workshop specifically designed for AIDS survivors and caregivers, led by Bay Area novelist & short story writer James Breeden. 7-9 pm tonight thru 5/27, $95. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info/res: James Breeden 661-1952. Wkshop is not a critical writing course, it is intended to help participants actually write down their experiences and feelings within a safe environment, and share with others who have been in the same place.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: See *The Burning Times*, a one-hour documentary on the witch burning that swept thru medieval Europe. Film provides an understanding of how the widespread church & state-sanctioned torture and killing of women set the stage for modern society's cultural acceptance of violence against women. 7 pm, donations accepted. Presented by Born of Women. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"Designing the Bay Area: The Gay Contribution," humorous & informative talk & slideshow by environmental historian Gray Brechin at Modern Times Bookstore. Brechin outs some of the major architects, artists & patrons of the past, revealing a hidden gay geography, and speculates about why so many hid their proclivities behind miserable marriages. 7:30 pm, $5. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246. Spons by the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society.

Slave Training Class taught by Joseph Bean; spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. Class covers the dynamics & problems of slave training as part of an s/m scene or a longterm relationship. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in private SF space. $20-10 SL fee. Info/location: 550-7776.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: An eve of slides, conversation & song with photographer Laurie Edison and writer Debbie Notkin to celebrate their book-in-progress "Women en Large," a book of powerful & liberating photos of fat nudes. 8 pm, $3-10 donation benefits "Women En Large" and Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At Tea Spot Cafe: Guitarist/singer Cathe Cashman, folksinger/composer Jo D'Ana, plus acoustic originals with Anna-Lisa Smoker. 8 pm, $2-5. Dinner & refreshments available. 2072 San Pablo at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Glamazon: *A Different Kind of Girl*, a new feature-length film by Chinese/Filipino/Mexican American filmmaker Rico Martinez; a semi-documentary, semi-fictional account of the brazen life of Barbara LeMay, sixty-something, transsexual, burlesque dancer and ex-circus freak. Her life is followed from her early days as Sammy Hoover from West Virginia (where she returns to chat with her old lesbian coalmining buddies) thru her life today. Along the way, she delivers maternal advice to aspiring strippers, recalls her circus days, and stages a dramatic reunion with her childhood sweetheart Stella. Film airs as part of the 1993 Asian American International Film Showcase (3/11-18 at the Kabuki Cinema). 11 pm screening is co-spons by Frameline. For tix & other info call 863- 0814.

MAR 12 / FRI

Heart of Relating: A lesbian relationship weekend focused on training in healthy patterns for relating. Led by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks. Info/res: 572-1999.

2nd Int'l Festival of Short Films screens thru 3/20 at Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3301 Lyon St, SF. Fest features an exciting & eclectic collection of ten live-action short films from five countries. Highlights include Gus Van Sant's *Thanksgiving Prayer*, Jeff Balsmeyer's *The Room*, an intense allegory about a small boy living under the thumb of a paranoid dad; James Hendrie's Academy Award-winning *Work Experience* and Alison Maclean's *Kitchen Sink*, a gripping fable of fear & desire. For showtimes & other info call (800) 925-CINE. Tix $7 for evening shows, $5 for Sun matinees.

Women Creating a New World: 2nd Annual Sonoma County Women's Arts Festival: Today & tmw at the Friedman Center, Santa Rosa. Festivities include gala gourmet dinner reception tonight, with reception & awards ceremony for local artists & jurists, and staged ensemble production of "I Come With My Songs," a mosaic of music, dance & drama. Tmw's events include arts & crafts exhibit and live PBS radio broadcast, 11 am-5 pm. Proceeds benefit the Women's Learning Center. For info/details call Laurel Hastings (707) 575-8879 or Talia Shafir (707) 869-9325.

Brian Buzzini, muscular model who made waves as the "Cool Water Man" in Davidoff's TV commercial and one of the hottest male models in the country, appears at Macy's in Valley Fair to promote a new line of scented body products for men's cologne. Brian appears at noon. For info call 939-3455.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight & 3/19. Eastbay location. Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Helen Vozenilek, editor/author discusses her book, *The Loss of the Ground-Note: Women Writing About the Loss of Their Mothers*, a collection of 34 essays about daughters coping with the death of their mothers. 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At A Different Light Bookstore: *Muses from Chaos & Ash*, editor Andrea Vaucher reads from her illuminating collection of ruminations by artists with AIDS on their lives & their art. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Bay Area Phoebe Snow Society: Group for gay rail fans, meets 7:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush St at Gough, SF. Donald Olsen shares 16mm movies of SP Steam in the Bay Area (lines featured are San Jose to SF, San Jose to Oakland, San Joaquin Valley and the now-abandoned route thru Niles Canyon). Info: Warren (510) 352-0301.

"Among My Wigs," night of wild one-man comedy with gay comic Mark Davis and his stable of edgy & hilarious characters including dish queen Mavis Davis, Marks' mother from Minnesota; Dr Vishnu Tao, author of the bestselling book *So You Chose HIV*; Vikki Kitt, a psychotic cross between Vikki Carr & Eartha Kitt; Steve Medreski, Prop 9 activist & meat-eater; Catherine Denouement, a sexual parasite who bears an uncanny resemblance to France's favorite film star; and Professor Prism, the world's foremost authority on cultural homosexuality. Plus lots of local political dish—don't miss! Show runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm with an added 10 pm show tonight. $10 tix. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At ATA: See *In the Name of God*, a film by Anand Patwardhan examining separatist movements in India, and the rise of religious fundamentalism. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

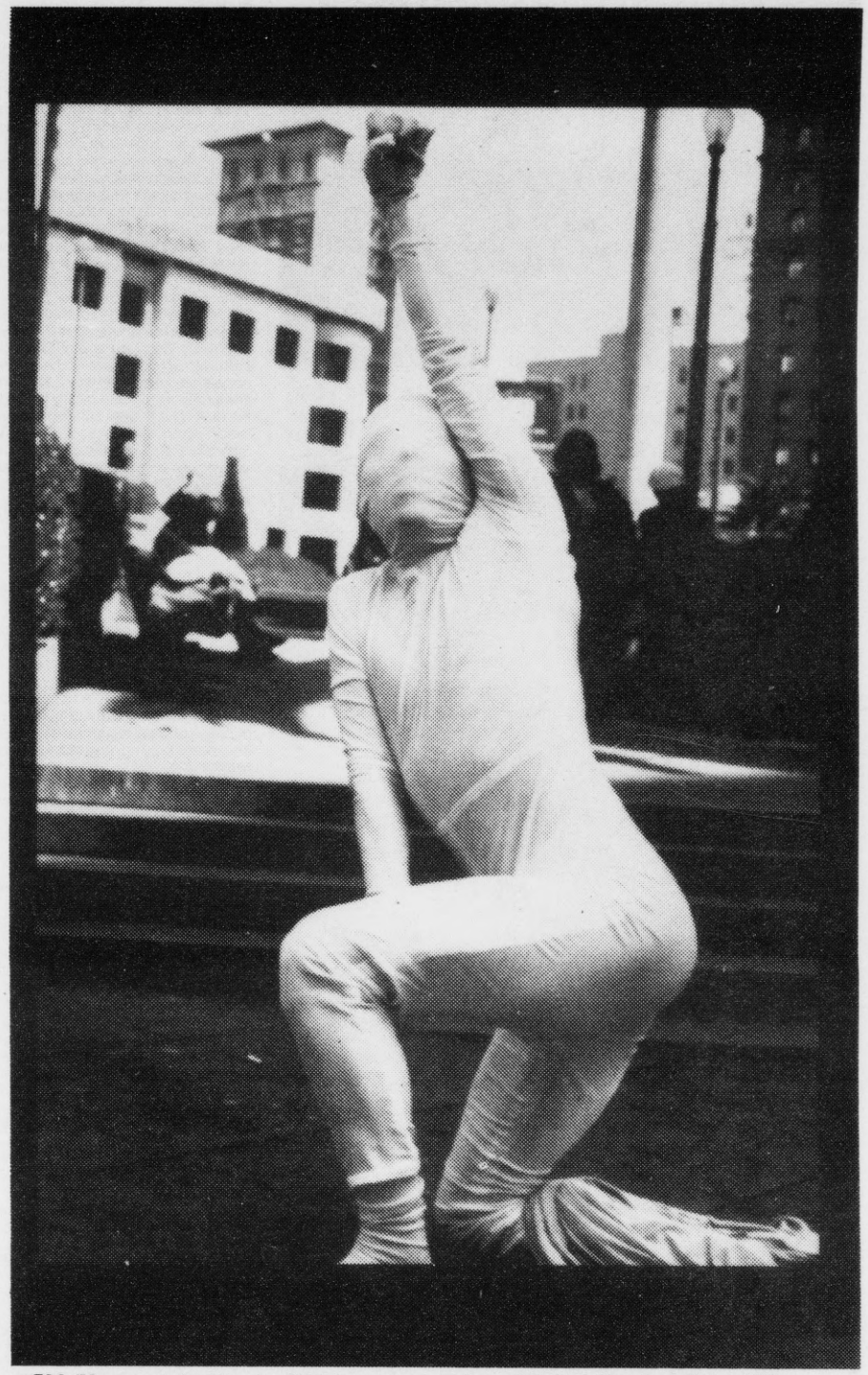
1993 Asian American Int'l Film Showcase (thru 3/18) features ten new works by and about lesbian & gay Asians at the Kabuki Cinemas, 1881 Post St, SF. Tonight & tmw features the world premiere of Rico Martinez's *Glamazon: A Different Kind of Girl*, a vibrant documentary celebrating the life of Barbara LeMay, a 60-something transsexual burlesque dancer who escaped the backwater hills of West Virginia to become a performer extraordinaire. Film includes candid chats with her lesbian coalminer buddies, maternal advice to aspiring strippers & a dramatic reunion with her female childhood sweetheart. Other films shown include: *Fated to Be Queer*, Pablo Bautista's moving documentary chroniclng the lives of four young Filipino Americans; *Toc Storee*, Ming-Yuen S. Ma's work addressing tradition & identity in Asian gay contexts; Eileen Lee & Marilyn Abbink's *Women of Gold*, a tribute to Asian Pacific lesbians; Nidhi Singh's *Kush Refugees*. "Gender & Its Multiples" a program of experimental videos dealing with gender & sexuality screens on 3/14 at 9 pm. For more info & showtimes call 863-0814.

MAR 13 / SAT

Hearing Loss & Communication Classes for People with HIV/AIDS: 6-hr class designed specifically for people with HIV who have or are developing a hearing loss, and their families, partners & friends. Topics include: overview of hearing & hearing loss, HIV/AIDS & hearing loss, coping psychologically & socially, workplace issues, communication strategies and hearing aids & assistive devices. 9 am-noon today & 3/20 at Hearing Society of the Bay Area, 20 10th St, Ste 200, SF. Spons by the Hearing Society. Adv reg suggested. Info/reg: 863-4710 (voice) or 863-2550 (TDD).

Lake Chabot Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take I-580 east to 150th Ave exit. Turn left at 2nd light onto Fairmont Dr. Continue on Fairmont over the hill. Lake Chabot Marina entrance is on left. Meet 9:30 am in the parking lot at beginning of trail Parking fee, free street parking at park entrance. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Annual AIDS Observance at Grace Cathedral: Spons by the Episcopal Diocese of Calif. Event remembers those in the SF Bay Area who have died from AIDS, and honors those who provide compassionate care, as family and friends. 9:15 registration. Followed by two workshop sessions on a variety of topics related to AIDS. At noon-1:30 pm the cathedral is reserved for meditative activities including walking the labyrinth, healing ministry, viewing AIDS Quilt panels & photos of persons with AIDS and their families. At 3 pm, Holy Eucharist service, with preacher Jesse Milan, African American layman and attorney, chief of staff to the president of Temple University, Philadelphia. Event is free. Bring box lunch. Freewill offering to support the diocese's AIDS ministry will be taken.



mcFAA (Movement Coalition for AIDS Awareness) perform at United Church of Christ AIDS Ministry's dinner benefit on Mar. 19. Photo by Ian Alexander Nies

American Sign Language 103: Crash course in ASL and Deaf culture begins today. Class meets 10 am-noon every Sat for 12 weeks. Last day to enroll is 3/27. Info: Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center 885-2341 TDD or via Calif Relay Services (800) 735-2922.

Basic Worm Composting Wkshop: Spons by SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners). Learn the simple art of making a rich and sweet-smelling compost for your garden—make your flowers & veggies happy! 10 am-noon at Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave & Lawton, SF. Info: 285-7585.

Caring for HIV Naturally: A 4-part forum spons by ACTUP SF continues with part-4, "Longterm Survivors." Open forum format includes dialogue and discussion with the audience and panel members: Gloria Little Moon, Thomas Avena, Suzin Gartland, Bart Casimer, George Melton, Hap Stewart and Sharon Lund. Gazebo Room, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce Sts, SF. 1-6 pm. Free. Info: Michael 775-7760.

Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center holds a meeting to discuss establishment of a national Deaf Gay/Lesbian Awareness Week. 1-3 pm. Everyone who knows ASL is welcome to attend. Info: 885-2341 TDD or via California Relay Service (800) 735-2922.

Adopted? come meet others who share your experience at today's Open House Network/Social—share who you are, what you're doing & what you want to be doing. 3-6 pm, donation. 319 Virginia St, SF. Info: Amy 647-1492.

Author and *SF Bay Times* columnist Tommi Avicolli Mecca signs copies of his new book, *Between Little Rock & A Hard Place*, which lays out a game plan for queer politics in the Clinton years. At A Different Light Bookstore: 3:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At A Different Light Bookstore: AON (Architecture of Noise) conducts an audience participatory construction/noise happening. Architectural performance/installation takes place in the store's back patio, you're encouraged to bring instruments of all types. 5 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Bi-Friendly Dinner in the Marina, followed by AIDS Dance-A-Thon: Meets for dinner at 5 pm at the Anchor Palace, 1769 Lombard St (btwn Octavia & Laguna, 3 blocks from Ft Mason entrance, where the danceathon is held) or join us inside the Dance-A-Thon (half-way btwn the stage & the door, on the far left as you face the stage). For info call 337-4566, for info on the AIDS Dance-A-Thon call 392-9255. To make dinner reservations call Pierre 648-6332.

LAVA Awards: BACW (Bay Area Career Women) present the first annual "Lesbians of Achievement, Vision & Action" Awards to Adele Prandini, Barbara Cameron & Gwen Craig at a dinner dance at the Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St, SF. 5:30 pm cocktails, followed by 6:30 pm dinner and dancing to the sounds of *Second Wind* until 11:30 pm. Tix $75. Proceeds benefit BACW's Fund of Our Own, which provides grants to lesbian projects in health, human services, legal rights, education, arts & culture. Info/res: 495-5393.

AIDS Dance-A-Thon: 5-hour dance extravaganza features some of the nation's most popular live performers, together with the Bay Area's top DJs. Dancers who turn in $250 or more will be given a Dance-a-thon sweatshirt with full-color graphic by Keith Haring. Because of space limitations, admission limited to pre-registered participants with a minimum of $75 in contributions to turn in at the door. Proceeds benefit Mobiliation Against AIDS, SF AIDS Foundation, Shanti Project, American Indian AIDS Institute, Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project, Instituto Familiar de la Raza, Prevention Point & Project Inform. Festival & Herbst Pavilions, Ft Mason Center, SF. Arrive at 6 pm to turn in your contributions, dance 7 pm-midnight. Complimentary food & beverages served. You can rest as often as you like (this isn't a dance marathon). Come have fun, support a good cause. Info: 392-9255.

TribalPlay: An afternoon of celebration, participatory activities & physically & emotionally safe sex. Workshop 7-11 pm

"Sa-I-Gu: From Korean Women's Perspectives," Mar. 12 & 16 at the Kabuki. Calendar has info.

Hillbarn Theatre presents a deaf/hearing production of Romeo and Juliet. OnStage has details.

at 848 Divisadero at McAllister, SF. $15 per person, $20 for two (so bring a buddy!) No one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 255-1864.

Southbay Lesbian Social Group (LSG) Potluck at 7 pm, at Brinda & Lisa's home in Santa Clara. Info/directions: (408) 248-8871. Newcomers welcome!

Int'l Fest of Short Films at Palace of Fine ARts, see 3/12.

"Skin Talk: Heartbeat of the Ancestors," an Int'l Women's Day festival presented by Redwood Cultural Work. Evening concert features drumming by Edwina Lee Tyler, Carolyn Brandy, Susu Pampanin with Daria Schwarzchild and Susan Williams; stunning vocals by Faye Carol and the *Skin Talk Band* (Susan Muscarella, India Cook, Elizabeth Seja Min, Kelly Fassman, Marc Van Wageningen, Renaye Brown, Gwen Jones and Joy Harjo on sax. 8 pm. Tix $22, $17 & $14. Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10th St & Fallon, Oakl. WA. SIGN. Info/res: (510) 835-1445.

St Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner with Girth & Mirth Club of SF. Fun starts at 7 pm! 176-B Page St, SF. For more info call 824-0260.

"Among My Wigs," with Mark Davis at Josie's, see 3/12.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Doug Holsclaw, Amy Boyd & Karla Carmony. 10 pm, $1. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAR 14 / SUN

Tiptoe thru the Tulips: UCSF AIDS Health Project invites HIV-positive people to "Tulipmania," Pier 39's annual guided tour of tulip displays. 10:45 am at Pier 39 entrance (look for the rainbow flag). Tour followed by lunch at Dante's Italian Seafood Restaurant. Tour free, lunch is dutch. Info/RSVP Roger 476-6627.

Ice Skating & Dinner with Sonoma BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Join us for fun on the ice and Thai cuisine! For skating info call Meryl (707) 523-4437 for dinner info call Sue (707) 578-5995.

Men's Potluck Brunch spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Ropework Lab taught by Tony DeBlase (former publisher of *Drummer* and *The Sandmutopia Guardian*, current editor of *DungeonMaster*); spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. Students get to practice rope bondage under the guidance of an experienced top. Both singles & couples are welcome, students must provide their own rope. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-4 pm in a private SF space. $20 workshop fee. Info/location: 550-7776.

P-FLAG Mtg: Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays monthly support group meets 2-4 pm 2nd Sun of each month at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church at Market, SF. Today's topic: Neil Kaminsky speaks on "Homophobic Messages in Our Society & How They Effect Self Perception". Info: 921-8850.

Double Your Pleasure. Double Your Fun with Sonoma BACW (Bay Area Career Women) at Cal Skate in Rohnert Park. Ask out that special one you've been interested in... Event followed by dinner at California Thai Cuisine. For skating res, call Meryl (707) 523-4437. For dinner res call Sue (707) 578-5995.

Concert: Debut recital by young African-American tenor Antoine Garth, accompanied by pianist Dwight Okamura. Program features works by Cavalli, Caccini, Handel, Liszt, Strauss & Poulenc. 3:30 pm, $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts, srs & people with AIDS. Church of the Advent, 261 Fell St betwn Franklin & Gough, SF. Info/res: 431-5439.

Lesbian Seminar Series at Tea Spot Cafe, spons by Pacific Center, continues with a panel on the insemination & parenting process for lesbian couples. Cynthia Lubow, MFCC & Janet Linder, LCSW discuss how lesbian couples survive & thrive thru a lengthy insemination process and/or parenting together. Childcare provided, please call ahead for reservations (Margaret 939-7711 or Jane 548-8283). 4-7 pm, $10 donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Women's Dance Party: Rainbow Express, analcohol/smoke-free dance party for women, happens every 2nd Sun of the month at Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris St (off Hwy 12). 6-10 pm, $6-10 SL donation, $3 after 9 pm. Local singer/songwriter Martha Woods performs 8-8:30 pm. Info: 829-0797.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Group meets for potluck dinner at 6 pm, followed by presentation on preserving wetlands threatened by development. All gays, lesbians & bisexuals are welcome! For info/location, call Mark 552-1903.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Editor Rakesh Ratti is joined by several contributors in a reading from the new anthology, *Lotus of Another Color: An Unfolding of the South Asian Lesbian & Gay Experience*. 7 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Int'l Fest of Short Films at Palace of Fine ARts, see 3/12.

"Among My Wigs," with gay comic Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret. Final performance! See 3/12.

1993 Asian American Int'l Film Showcase continues thru 3/18 at Kabuki 8 Theatres, 1881 Post St, SF and includes several new works by and about gay & lesbian Asians (see 3/12). Tonight's program, "Gender & Its Multiples" features experimental videos dealing with gender & sexuality, including Ming-Yuen S Ma's *Maura*, an irreverent music video mixing Asian drag queens with Chinese & Japanese poetry; *Fly That Friendly Sky*, Pablo Bautista's vibrant sex video; *Song of the Goddess*, a lyrical tribute to the famous Cantonese opera duo Yom Kin-Fai and Pak Su-Sin, both women, who have made a career appearing onstage as lovers; *Women of Waray Waray*, a satire pitting an Eartha Kitt look-alike against US imperialists in the Philippines, and Azian Nurudin's *Sinar Dujana (Wicked Radiance)* a dark abstract delving into aspects of s/m sexuality and the videomaker's Muslim background (this film also screens on 3/12). Kabuki Cinemas, 1881 Post St, SF. Info: 863-0814.

MAR 15 / MON

AIDS & Jews: Support group for Jews with AIDS, spons by Jewish Family & Children's Services. 7-week series explores Jewish attitudes and practices during times of illness. Group focuses on ways to find hope & strength, while realistically looking at tough issues—grief & loss, death & dying, and facing spiritual struggles. All Jews—synagogue-affiliated or not, connected to the community or alienated, knowledgable about Jewish practices or not—are welcome to join the group. Call Jody Reiss 561-1241 for more info.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm tonight & 3/22. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 648-6332.

At ATA: Lesbian/Gay American Indians presents an evening of videos focusing on sexuality & AIDS in the American Indian community. See Max Carocci & Marco Puccioni's *A Light on the Path*; Lori Levy, Gretchen Vogel & Michel Beauchemin's *Two Spirit People* and Osa Hidalgo-de la Riva's *Two Spirits: Native Lesbians & Gays*. 7-10 pm, $3-5 SL fee, proceeds benefit sending members of the Bay Area's tribal nations to the National March for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Rights in April. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Maria Falzone. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Women's Voices, the cultural events series spons by Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, co-spons a benefit performance of Maria Irene Fornes' play "Fefu & Her Friends," which explores women's internal struggles, interpersonal dynamics & relationship to society at large. Performed by In Focus Theater Company, a multicultural troupe dedicated to innovative works. 8 pm, $12; proceeds benefit the Women's Cancer Resource Center and SF Women's AIDS Network. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info/res: 821-1155.

Int'l Fest of Short Films at Palace of Fine Arts, see 3/12.

MAR 16 / TUE

HIV Public Education Forum spons by Kaiser: "The Role of the Advice Nurse in HIV Care at Kaiser Permanente," a panel moderated by Jean Moore, RN, NP, nurse coordinator at Kaiser Oakland. Panelists: Margarita Dorland, RN, Sadie Palumbo, RN, Dennis Orme, RN and Judy Powell, RN. 6:30-8 pm, Kaiser Oakland, room 1200C/12th floor hospital tower, 280 West MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. Free, no registration required. Info: (510) 596-6848.

Feminist Politics & Sprituality: Wkshop on reconciling feminist politics & spirituality. Focus on how the Goddess religion and feminist witchcraft serve to inform, enliven & fuel the feminist movement, both personally & politically. Facilitated by Felicity Artemis Flowers, feminist theorist, educator & Dianic ritual priestess. Spons by the Women's Caucus of the SF Green Party. 7-10 pm, $10 requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Open to women & men. New College of Calif, 777 Valencia St btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Info: 255-2940.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by actor Andy Tabbat. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. For res/info: 621-6294.

"Mother Earth Spirituality," a talk by Tim Corcoran at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm. Info: 775-0227. Free.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Memorial reading in honor of poet/prose writer Steve Abbott (*Holy Terror, View Askew, Skinny Trip to a Far Place*). 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation at 7:30 pm tonight & 3/23 at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Gay & Lesbian Sierrans Mtg: 7:30 pm at Sierra Club Library, 730 Polk St, SF. Free. Tonight's topic: Emergency response techniques for the great outdoors and beyond. Learn first-aid techniques applicable to all emergency situations. David Vincent, instructor for Outdoors Unlimited and the Red Cross, shares his expertise on treating everything from heat stroke to snake bites. Also see 3/20 listing.

Int'l Fest of Short Films at Palace of Fine Arts, see 3/12.

Marga Gomez in "Memory Tricks," Gomez performs her hit theatrical monologue for one week at Josie's Cabaret, prior to going back east for a run at NYC's Public Theater. "Memory Tricks" offers a poignant reflection on her eccentric upbringing with her flamboyant showgirl mother in 1960s Harlem, during the era of Manhattan's legendary Latino entertainment scene. Show mixes comedy & drama as Gomez relives the attempt to connect with her mother back in her heyday and during her ensuing illness. Show plays Tues-Sun thru 3/21 at 8 pm. Tonight & tmw's performances benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAR 17 / WED

HIV Wellness Group meets today at Marin General Hospital, spons by AIDS Interfaith of Marin. Info: Amira 457-1129.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets to discuss "The Administration & Us". Led by George Birimisa. 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Bi Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm tonight in a new location! (Call Valerie, 641-1308, for location/info) Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Hypnosis as a Spiritual Bridge," Gayle Remick, certified hypnotherapist and Marlane Spillinger, certified clinical hypnotherapist, guide you thru a light & entertaining exploration of the inner self. Night of vivid visuals, in-depth ruminations, fun & refreshments (tea & cookies!) Free session will be held for one smoker who wishes to quit. 7-9 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Susanna Valadez discusses her book, *Huichol Indian Sacred Rituals*; joined by artist Mariano Valadez, a Huichol who creates the sacred yarn paintings. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author James Baker (*Adrenaline*) returns to read from *Tim and Pete*, his latest fast-paced novel about queer political terrorism and love-on-the-run in Southern California. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Marga Gomez in "Memory Tricks" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/16.

Roller Underworld Underwear Skate Party. Gay skate with music from the 70s-90s with DJ Darrel Spain, Skating begins at 8 pm, $5 includes rental. Rolladium Roller Rink, 363 N. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo. Info: 967-5283.

Int'l Fest of Short Films at Palace of Fine Arts, see 3/12.

Gay USA: Weekly lesbian & gay news show airs at 9 pm on cable channel 51 in SF.

MAR 18 / THU

Rainbow's End, support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth meets tonight & 3/25. 6:30-7 pm drop-in for first-time visitors, 7-8:30 group time for everyone. Info: 475-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Texas author Pat Littledog reads from her book of fiction *In Search of the Holy Mother of Jobs*; joined by popular Chicano poet Francisco X Alarcon reading from his two new collections of poetry, *No Golden Gate for Us* and *Poemas Surdos*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Dykes: Stereotypes," how society as a whole deals with them. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women welcome!

New Horizons: support/social group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young adults ages 22-29 meets tonight & 3/25. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: *Positive Women: Voices of Women Living With AIDS* co-editor Darien Tyalor reads from & discusses this groundbreaking international collection of writing by women living with AIDS. 8 pm, $3-10 donation benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Marga Gomez in "Memory Tricks" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/16.

At Tea Spot Cafe: A capella originals & favorites with *The Irrationals*, plus pianist/composer/singer Allson Faith Levy. 8 pm, $2-5. Dinner & refreshments available. 2072 San Pablo at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Int'l Fest of Short Films at Palace of Fine Arts, see 3/12.

MAR 19 / FRI

Dinner Benefit spons by the Movement Coalition for AIDS Awareness, in association with United Church of Christ AIDS Ministry. Event includes mc fAA, a diverse group of dancers, artists & educators, in "Mark III". 6:30 pm dinner, 8:15 pm performance. Tix: $25 includes dinner & performance, $5-10 SL fee for performance only. Belmont Congregational Church, 751 Alameda de las Pulgas St, Belmont. Info: (510) 251-AIDS.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance tonight—see 3/12.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group meeting—See Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Gay/Lesbian Comedy Night in Berkeley: Don't miss comics Tom Ammiano, Karen Ripley & Lisa Geduldig at the Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave at University. Doors open at 7:30 pm, show starts at 8. Tix $7. Refreshments available. Info: (510) 848-7376.

St Patrick's Day Dance spons by the Russian River Lesbian & Gay Pride Fest of '93. 8 pm-2 am, $5, proceeds benefit Sonoma County community service organizations. At Ziggurat's in Guerneville.

"Pretty, Witty & Gay," a one-woman comedy show with Marga Gomez. Marga invites the audience into her bedroom for a nonstop sexual crack-up as she reads from the unpublished diaries of Anais Nin, is possessed by the spirit of Miss Jane Hathaway, rewrites the Bible, battles extortionists, and almost loses her nerve on the eve of her first appearance on a TV panel as an

parents & kids box

"Chicken Sunday & other Grandparents' Tales."

Photo by Linda Svendsen

Tulipmania Festival: 15th annual fest, thru 3/20 at Pier 39, Beach St & Embarcadero, SF. Features over 50,000 tulips, in 70 different varieties. Special "Children's Gardening Hour," on 3/13, with storytelling, a guided walk, and hands-on crafts geared especially for the younger set; fun begins at 11 am with children's librarian Jacky Averill presenting "A Children's Introduction to Spring Flowers," geared for 5-10 years olds; followed by a tulip walk & crafts session. Info: 705-5512.

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group meets 3/19, 7-9 pm in the Geneva Room at First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, corner of 5th & E Sts, San Rafael. Tonight's topic: "Our role in school & community settings." Childcare provided, $2 per family. Info: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

Parenting in the '90s program at SF Jewish Community Center. "Who's in Charge Here?—Effective Discipline," LeAnn Slaton, MS, explores discipline methods for developing responsibility, encouraging cooperation & enhancing self-esteem in children. 3/18, 6:30-8 pm, $7. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Richmond Art Center: Registration for spring classes open now. RAC offers over 40 classes & workshops for children & adults, in a wide variety of media. RAC's Education Program also features a terrific series of classes for kids ages 3-16, including "I Love to Paint," "Imaginings," "Art Together," Parent/Child Workshop, "Rainbows of Art," "Clay Play," Multicultural Arts, Pre-Teen Pottery, Mixed Media, Drawing for Kids, and Painting, Drawing & Printmaking. Register in person Tues-Fri, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Sat & Sun noon-4:30 pm, or by mail. RAC is within walking distance of Richmond BART. Class schedule/info: (510) 620-6772. Classes start 3/30.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 3/20: Mascaritas Puppet Theater presents "The Hungry Wolf," story about the ingeniousness of childhood, adapted from Little Red Riding Hood. 3/27: Special family concert with British balladeer Leon Rosselson. Rosselson, one of Britain's best political songwriters, is also a successful writer of children's books. His shows are witty, urbane, and excruciatingly funny. 10:30 am, $5 adults, $3 kids. 13105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Classes begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs. Schedule: 3/13: Cornhusk Dolls with Margaret Goodale. Make a simple, basic cornhusk doll & dress it up! $3/person. 3/20: Tops & Spinning Things, with Hilary Barber. Discover the fun of Newton's Laws by making tops & spinamagigs. $4/person. 3/27: Chinese Brushpainting, with Lampo Leong. Wkshop explores Chinese traditional brushpainting techniques & their effect on modern art. $4/person. Call 554-9600 for more info. 199 Museum Way, SF.

Lesbian/Gay Parents Association welcomes all interested lesbian, gay or bisexual parents of schoolchildren to attend a general meeting, 3/11, 7-8:30 pm at Buena Vista School, 2641 25th St, SF. Childcare provided for a nominal fee.

Gay & Lesbian Parents of independent school students are welcome to meet with gay & lesbian independent school teachers on 4/21 at 7:30 pm at Drew High School to discuss issues of mutual concern. Spons by the Bay Area Independent School Gay & Lesbian Caucus, a group of teachers working to promote awareness of issues facing gays, lesbians & bisexuals in Bay Area independent schools. Info: Blake 864-0727.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

"Chicken Sunday & Other Grandparents Tales," a play for all ages written by Linda Spector. Features multicultural cast ages 9-90. Live instrumental and folk songs about grandparents & growing old, collected from different cultures. Sat & Sun, 3/13-14, 20-21 at 2 pm. Westlake Junior High School, 2629 Harrison Ave, Oakl. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 sts & $4 kids. A Stagebridge production. Info/res: (510) 444-4755.

Adult Female Homosexual. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Marga Gomez in "Memory Tricks," at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/16.
Int'l Fest of Short Films at Palace of Fine Arts, see 3/12.
Snatch Fetish Party: 9 pm-6 am at The Pit (below Cocktails), 9th & Howard, SF. Night of live performances, dancing, debauchery; with DJS She Mix-Alot, DRC, Downtown Donna and Chris C. $5. Info: Snatch Hotline 561-9771. Int'l Ms Leather contestants are welcome! (See 3/20).
HIV Testing—Free & anonymous AIDS testing & counseling spons by Blow Buddies & and the AIDS Health Project. No name or ID required. 10 pm-12:30 am at 933 Harrison St (upstairs, in a private space), SF. Open to all men, no membership required.
Free, Anonymous HIV testing, counseling & education provided in your own playground by Blow Buddies & the AIDS Health Project. 10 pm-12:30 am at 933 Harrison St, SF (upstairs, in a private space). Open to all men, no membership required. No name or ID required.

MAR 20 / SAT

Wilderness First Aid Stimulation Day: Spons by Gay & Lesbian Sierrans. A day of hands-on training with David Vincent, Red Cross & Outdoors Unlimited instructor. Learn response techniques thru designed "emergency" situations, also some hiking, game-playing and problem-solving. $40. Sign-up by 3/12. Meet 9 am for carpooling at Thrifty, Market St, SF store. Bring lunch, raingear and first-aid kit, if you have one. You must attend 3/16 program to review skills & be assigned roles, see listing for details; call Stephanie Clarke 824-7185 for more info.
Pt Reyes Hike with SF Hiking Club: Sky, Coast & Bear Valley Trails, Arch Rock Overlook and beach exploratory hike. Moderately strenuous. 1500-ft elevation gain, distance 10.5 miles. Hike starts at the Bear Valley trailhead, climbs Inverness Ridge and follows it south to the coast for lunch break at Arch Rock overlook. Tides & weather permitting, we'll explore the beach below Arch Rock and return by the Bear Valley Trail. Driving distance 70 miles roundtrip; cost per car $10 (includes bridge toll), to be shared among passengers. Bring water & lunch, dress in layers, rain cancels. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Church Sts, SF. Info: Jim 285-3760 eves.
Pt Richmond Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 80 to 580 toward Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Exit at Harbor Way South and go left 1/2+ mile. Turn left on South Garrard thru tunnel. Park along curb above the park. 9:30 am. Info: Roz (510) Roz 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Seven Steps to Healing Wkshop: Healing model for adults abused as children. 10 am-5 pm, $60. Eastbay location. Info/reg: Rachel Bat Or, MFCC (510) 444-4419.
Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to women-loving identity—Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss coming out, homophobia, lesbian community resources, sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community, oppression; begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Menlo Park location (30 min south of SF). SL fee. For info/res: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.
Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center sponsors a chess tournament today, 1-4 pm, at the Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center, 25 Taylor St, Ste 701, SF. Beginner & intermediate levels. Prizes awarded to the winner of each level. Free, open to all who know ASL. Please bring your own chess board, if possible. Info: 885-2341 TDD or via Calif Relay Service (800) 735-2922.
River's Cup Beerfest: AIDS benefit held 1-5 pm in the mall & courtyard of Luther Burbank Center, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa. More than 25 of Northern Calif's finest microbreweries, waters & juices, gourmet food tasting; plus rock & blues with *Uncle Wiggly* (bring your dancing shoes!). Adv tix $18, available at BASS (510) 762-BASS or (707) 546-BASS or the Russian River Chamber of Commerce (707) 869-9000. Spons by the River's Cup Association, a nonprofit group that generates financial support for several AIDS service organizations in Sonoma County.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Reception for photographer Jennifer Gilmore, well-known for her work on the lesbian s/m community, which has appeared in *On Our Backs* and *Bad Attitude*. 3 pm. Her work is on exhibit thru 4/20. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
1993 International Ms Leather Contest: At Club Townsend, 177 Townsend St, SF. Doors open at 3 pm, contest starts at 3:30. Fun, fantasies, entertainment—don't miss! Limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Plan to stay late and party, contest followed by dancing till 10 pm. Tix $20, available at Stormy Leather (1158 Howard St, SF), from Ann West (861-0373) and at the door.
Meeting Men Party: Spons by Human Awareness Institute. Pair up for guided exercises & heart connections with other men interested in quality relationships, discover the path of gay intimacy. 7 pm, $20. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF or call 239-7839.
Marga Gomez in "Memory Tricks" at Josie's Cabaret. See 3/16.
Int'l Fest of Short Films at Palace of Fine Arts, Final day! See 3/12.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Ripley, Marilyn Pittman & Mimi Freed. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAR 21 / SUN

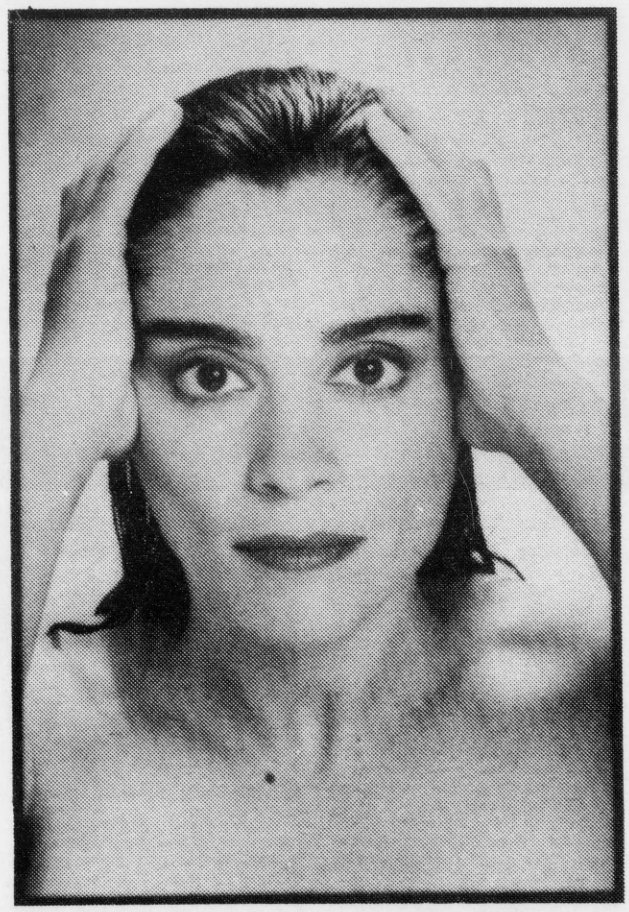
Cinderella Training Ride: Get ready for the Cinderella Classic Bicycle Tour by joining Different Spokes on a moderately-paced 50 mile training ride along easily rolling terrain. Helmets required. Bring lunch & water, heavy rain cancels. Meet 10 am at the Shamrock Village Shopping Center, corner of San Ramon & Amador Valley, Dublin (near where I-580 & I-680 meet). Info: Sharon (408) 629-0139 or Susan (510) 652-0120.
Women's Spirituality Group Spring Equinox Ritual: Call 457-1115 for location, time & other info.
Benefit for *Cruel*, a film by Latina lesbian filmmaker Desi Del Valle; an exploration of the effects of homophobia, racism and violence on a Latina lesbian relationship. Benefit features Chea Villanueva, Laney Goodman, Tom Ammiano, Tommi Avicolli Mecca & others. 12:30-2:30 pm, $15-50 suggested donation. Wine & cheese served. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
G Forty Plus Mtg features actor/writer/producer/director Dean Goodman discusses "Antics & Antidotes: Colorful Stories about Film & Theater Celebrities," 2-4 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Info: 552-1997.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Paul Hardman, author of *Homoaffectualism*, a riveting study of gay love thru history, signs copies of his book and discusses the research that went into it. 3:30 pm. At 7:30 pm, Darrell Yates-Rist, author of *Heartlands*, discusses his "inclusive, moving record of the rich complexity of contemporary gay life in America." 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Kate Clinton, "Out Is In," a night of hilarious comedy at Palace of Fine Arts, as Kate takes her "nontraditional values" tour to SF. 7 pm, $17 & $15. Tix available at all BASS outlets (510) 762-BASS. 3301 Lyon St at Bay, SF. Take Golden Gate Bridge/Marina exit to Lyon, turn right; OR Lombard to Lyon, turn right. Ample parking available.
Marga Gomez in "Memory Tricks" at Josie's Cabaret—final performance! See 3/16.

MAR 22 / MON

Bowling for Dykes spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). $2 events fee. For info/location call Kim 883-4065.
Women Writers Group offers writing support to women over 50 years old. Led by author/performer Ida VSW Red. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 7-9 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Growing Up Gay & Lesbian in a Dysfunctional Family: Free 8-wk course offered by SF Community College's Castro-Valencia Program, taught by Bev Wells, PhD. Topics include: The homophobic family & culture, growing up & coming out, effects of internalized homophobia, homosexual identity formation, grief & loss, unresolved relationship issues, building relationships. Mon eves at 6:30 pm at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 585-5212.
Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 3/15.
Marin BACW Dines Out reservations deadline is today! See 3/25 listing for details.
Anal Fisting for Beginners: Wkshop with Dr Bitch Sir and Carol Queen. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic programs for the s/m community. Discuss the fears & misconceptions surrounding fisting, as well as the safety precautions & techniques that can help make a scene work. Demo: $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10, in a private SF space. Info/location: 550-7776.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Maria Falzone. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. 8 pm, $5. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAR 23 / TUE

Sex & Love Addiction in Relationships: Free 8-wk course offered by SF Community College's Castro-Valencia Program, taught by Genevieve Howe, MS, MFCC. Topics include: addiction to sex & love, characteristics of love addiction, fantasy vs reality, sexual dependency, healthy belonging, true intimacy and staying on the road to recovery. Classes held Tues at 6:30 pm at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 585-5150.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Zsuzsanna Budapest reads from her new book, *The Goddess in the Office*, an empowering work to enrich the lives of working women everywhere. 7 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Spring Equinox Celebration with Church of Amron: Evening of ritual and communion. 7 pm, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 775-0227.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation, see 3/16.
At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Zack Rogow & Bill Zavatsky present *Earthlight*, their translation of the first half of the collected poems of Breton. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.



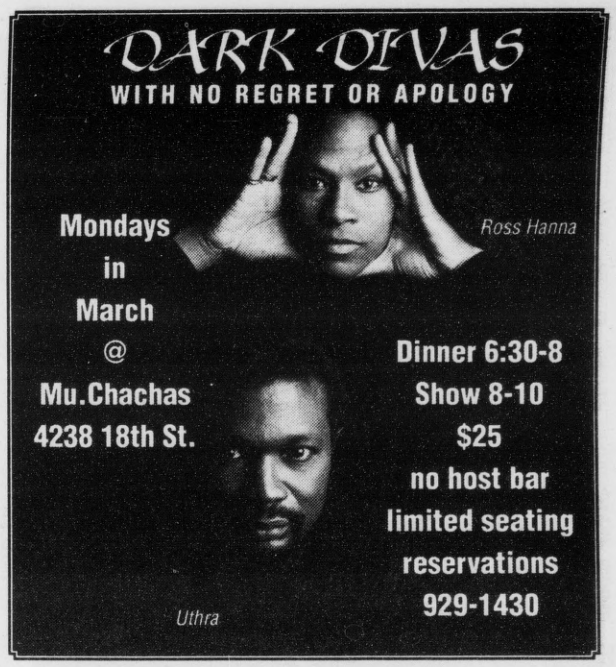
Marga Gomez's "Memory Tricks" at Josie's Mar. 16-21.

MAR 24 / WED

HIV Wellness Group meets today at Marin General Hospital, spons by AIDS Interfaith of Marin. Info: Amira 457-1129.
NGLTF Mtg: Local unit of the Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Open lesbian & gay reading. Monthly poetry & prose reading for authors from the lesbian & gay community. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.
"Dark Fruit," with Pomo Afro Homos (Postmodern African-American Homosexuals) at Josie's Cabaret: Award-winning group return to Josie's with their acclaimed show, a fresh crop of funny, satirical, angry & moving stories of Black gay life. 8 pm, $10. Plays Wed-Sun thru 4/4. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At Faster Pussycat!: *Girls in the Nose*, featuring Gretchen Phillips of *2 Nice Girls*. Only SF appearance! 9 pm, $7 adv, $8 at door (limited door tix). 3160 16th St, SF. Call the Pussycat Hotline 561-9771 for details. Tix available at Leathertongue Video, A Different Light Bookstore, Rough Trade Records & Record Finder.
Gay USA: Weekly lesbian & gay news show airs at 9 pm on cable channel 51 in SF.

MAR 25 / THU

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Rainbow's End support group for gay youth meets tonight, see 3/18.
Marin BACW Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of delicious south of the border food at Maya Palenque in Novato. 7 pm, $1 events fee, for RSVP (by 3/22) call Lynn 457-4866.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto.
New Horizons, social/support group for young gay adults, see 3/18 listing for details.
Gay Philosophers Mtg: The Society for Lesbian & Gay Philosophy holds a session on current moral controversies, in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association. Free, public welcome. Topics include affirmative action and the moral consequences of the social constructionist debates. Participants include Ed Stein, editor of *Forms of Desire* and Richard Mohr, author of *Gay/Justice* and *Gay Ideas*. 8-10 pm in Spring Room A, Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St, SF.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/24 for details.
Nina Glaser & Elizabeth Sunday give a lecture and discuss their photographic works at SF Camerawork. 8 pm, $5. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness, SF. Info: 621-1001.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Filmmaker Sheila Ganz shows clips from and discusses her documentary-in-progress, "Sealed Records, Sealed Lives," about the lifelong psychological and emotional effects of adoption on the 30 million people in the adoption triad (birthparents, adoptees, adoptive parents) today. The film's goal is to create greater understanding and communication, and to advocate for open adoption records. 8 pm, $3-10 donation benefit Women's Voices. OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.
At Tea Spot Cafe: Raw & bluesy acoustic originals with Mary Anne Vorasky, original pop with Megan McLaughlin, and Kathy Rote in her first Eastbay appearance. 8 pm, $2-5. Dinner & refreshments available. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.



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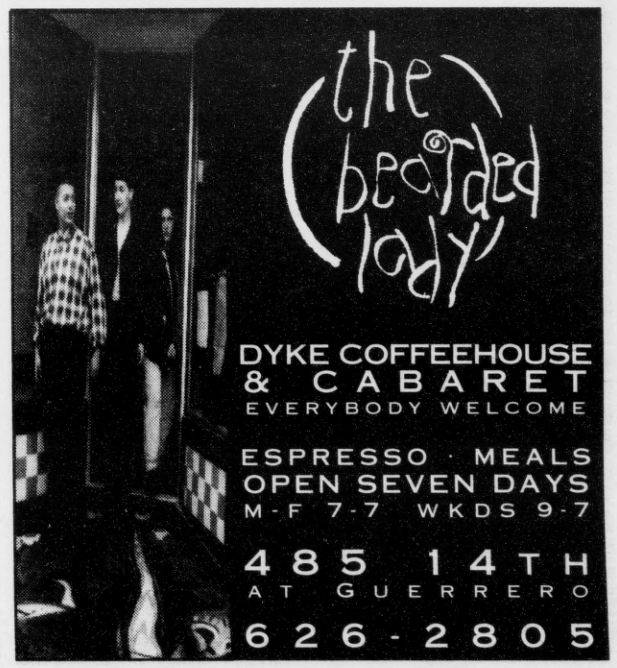

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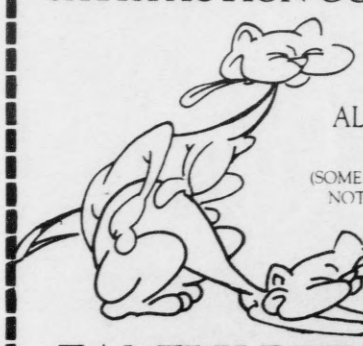

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galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 8/22. "Plein Air Sketches by Julian Walbridge Rix," exhibit of oil-on-panel sketches by the renowned landscape artist (1850- 1903); thru 5/2. "Symphonies on Stone: Lithographs by James McNeill Whistler," thru 5/9. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit featuring a dozen costumes & fans reflecting the swirling curves & clear colors of Art Nouveau style; 3/20-9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of work by visionary Japanese architect Shin Takamatsu, thru 6/6. "On Kawara: Date Paintings in 89 Cities," paintings by conceptual artist On Kawara, on exhibit thru 4/11. "Clifford Still: The buffalo & SF Collections," touring exhibit, 3/25-6/13. Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, 4/29-7/25. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Kafka, Eve, the Wolf & My Grandmother's Bread Bowl: 4 Calif Artists Confront Jewish Identity," works by Laurie Poilster, Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, Willliam Rosen & Rachel Schreiber on exhibit thru 5/23. "Meditations Concealed & Revealed," large mixed media pieces & an installation by Shoshana Greenberg, on exhibit thru 5/23. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Jewish Museum: Hrs. Sun-Wed 11 am-5 pm, Thurs 11 am-7 pm. 121 Steuart St, SF. Info: 543-8880.

The Mexican Museum: "Burning Dreams: Selected Works by Carlos Almaraz," an LA-based Chicano painter who died of AIDS in 1989. Thru 5/9. Space will be provided in the gallery for visitors to share the names of other artists who have died of AIDS. For other programs related to this exhibit call 441-0445. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Annie Leibovitz Photographs," exhibit covering 20 years' worth of work, thru 3/14. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: Kim Abeles, "Presidential Commemorative Smog Plates," Hans Staartjes, "Televisionary Manifesto," Kelly Wood, "Lurch," on exhibit thru 4/10. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Invisible Lives: The City of Will Eisner," 72 original drawings on exhibit thru 4/18. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-3922.

Edith Caldwell Gallery: Exhibit of etchings & drawings by Erik Desmazieres, on exhibit thru 3/30. 215 Post St, SF, 2nd floor. Hrs: Mon-Sat 11 am-5 pm. Info: 989-5414.

Eye Gallery: "Clinton: Portrait of Victory," photos by PF Bentley, documenting the remarkable Clinton presidential campaign. On exhibit thru 3/20. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Forbidden Images Gallery: "From the Street," work by graffiti/street artist Salvador Loujan. Show runs thru 4/9. Billy De Frank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Hrs: Mon-Fri 6-9 pm, Sat & Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 280-5313.

John Pence Gallery: Exhibit of recent pastel paintings by Clark Mitchell, thru 4/10. Opening reception 3/14, 2-5 pm. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Robert Dana Gallery: Group show of oils on canvas by 4 emerging figurative artists from Europe, Mexico & the United States: Sarena Rosenfeld, Patricia Torres, Giovanni Mancini & Dmitry Strizhov. Exhibit runs thru 3/29. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Mon & Wed-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Notorious," exhibit of photographs by Herb Ritts. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Beads: Ancient, Traditional, Tribal & Trade," on exhibit thru 4/25; "Memories in the Tips of Our Fingers," works by political refugees & survivors of torture in Latin America, thru 4/25. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute Walter/McBean Gallery: "The Edison Effect," an exhibit of interactive sculptures by Paul DeMarinis; thru 3/20. "Nobody's Pet Indian," exhibit of photo & photocollage work by Native American artist Hulleah J Tsinhnahjinnie, exploring issues of Native American experience & identity; 4/1-5/1. SFAI, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

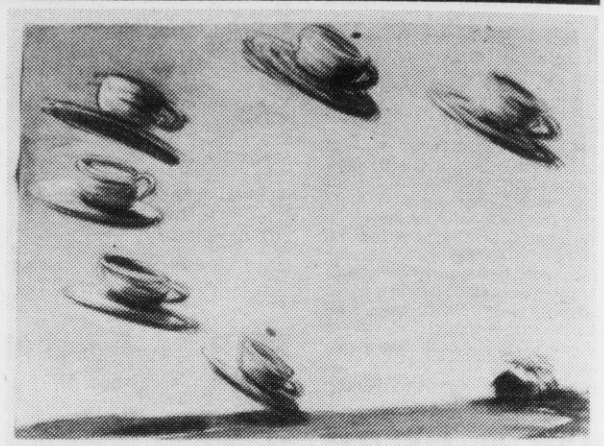
Stamp Francisco Gallery: "Realistic Paperfolding: New Dimensions of a Square," exhibit of new works by local & internationally acclaimed origami artists; thru 3/20. 466 8th St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-3 pm. Info: 252-5975.

University Art Museum: "Edvard Munch and His Models, 1912-1944" on exhibit thru 3/21. "Gentle-man Friends," exhibit of bookbinding work by Jonathan Hammer, thru 4/18. "Jim & Sylvia," an installation by Lutz Bacher, on exhibit thru 4/18. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: "Ciao Antonioni: The Complete Works of Michelangelo Antonioni," 15 programs screened thru 4/18, a complete retrospective of the work of one of international cinema's most important directors. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-1412.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Vision Gallery: "Godfrey Frankel: Vintage & Modern Prints," on exhibit thru 3/27. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.



Carlos Amaraz's "Burning Dreams." See Galleries for info.

MACE Space for Art: "Destiny's Feast," powerful mixed media installation by Stephanie Wilger, dealing with issues of fecundity, sexuality, spirituality, gender & duality. On exhibit thru 4/10, artist's reception 3/12, 6-9 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Three Muses Artspace: "extended Forms, Elastic Media." Sculpture, painting, installation, performance, assemblage & photography works by 17 artists. Opening reception 3/20, 7-10 pm, with live musical entertainment by *Endangered Species*, $2 suggested donation. Hrs: 3/21, 1-6 pm, and other Sundays by appt. 395 Valencia St, SF. Info: 255-7420.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Lineage," paintings by Claude Clark, Sr and sculpture by Claude Clark, Jr. On exhibit thru 4/24. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "A Sense of Place: Public Art Projects & Proposals," exhibit examining the role of artists from different ethnic & cultural groups in public art in Calif, thru 3/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ATA Gallery: "Lucky Buck/Sex Vice," a window installation by John Byrd exploring how ethnicity, stereotypes & sexism are used in advertising & selling products. Thru March at Artists' Television Access Gallery, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

ARU Gallery: Group show, works by printmakers Xavier Viramontes & Hideo C Yoshida; plus exhibit of floral vessels by six artists—Anne Black, Mary Button Durell, Perry Hoffman, Elisa Jimenez, Dianne Romaine & Don Suyeyasu. On exhibit thru 4/3. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

NIAD Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: "The Ship," a site-specific installation by contemporary Norwegian artist Bente Stokke; on exhibit thru 3/20. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Meridian Gallery: "Divinations," paintings & sculpture by Robert Kostka, on exhibit thru 3/27. Closing slide lecture by the artist, "On the Edge of Memory," 3/27 at 4 pm. "Heroes," photography by Hulleah Tsinhnahjinnie, on exhibit 4/1-5/1, opening recepiton 4/1, 6-8 pm. Closing slide lecture by the artist, 5/1 at 4 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 398-7229. 545 Sutter St, btwn Powell & Mason Sts, SF. 2nd floor.

Oakland Museum: "The Arts & Crafts Movement in California: Living the Good Life," exploration of Calif's unique contribution to the British-born arts & crafts movement of the mid-1890s to the 1930s; on exhibit thru 5/23. 1000 Oak St, Oakl. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Ghia Gallery: "Figure it Out," exhibit of work by 17 Bay Area artists in a wide variety of media, dealing with the human figure; on exhibit thru 4/3. 2648 3rd St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 282-2832.

"John LeFlore: Paintings & Drawings," on exhibit thru 4/15 at Bagdad Cafe, 2295 Market St, SF. Info: 621-4431.

"Backyard Views," lithographic, intaglio & relief prints by Ethan Bryson on exhibit thru 4/17 at Goat Hill Pizza, 300 Connecticut at 18th, SF. Info: 641-1440.

"Fertile Flames: African Fertility Dolls & AIDS Micrographic Images," exhibit of paintings & neon mixed media art work by Oden Santiago. Santiago merges fine art & medical art, using fertility dolls with micrographic images of sperm and AIDS. On exhibit thru March at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

"Edifice Complex," architectural works on paper by Karen Wesler. On exhibit thru 3/27 at 595 Market St, SF. 8 am-6 pm Mon-Fri. Info: 512-6801.

on stage

Livin' on Salvation Street by Terry Gardner. Comedy details one eventful week in the life of three generations of an all-female Kentucky family, circa 1958. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Previews 3/25-26, runs 3/27-5/1. Tix $11-17. For showtimes, res & other info call 861-5079. 2926 16th St, SF.

Black Teeth: An Obscene, Deliberately Repellent, Mean Piece of Work by Mel Clay. Play about a wine connoisseur, a big-game sport fisherman and a woman chained to the wall. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater production. Play runs Fri-Sat at 9 pm, thru 3/27. Tix $12. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St, btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard, SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

Unquestioned Integrity: The Hill/Thomas Hearings, a dramatic adaptation of the transcripts of the Senate confirmation hearings of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, by Mame Hunt, conceived by Larry Eilenberg. Magic Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 3/28. Tix $12-21. Magic Theatre Northside, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

Twyla's Boy by Charles E Polly. Uproarious, first-hand account of growing up gay in the hills and hollers of Appalachian Kentucky; an intimate expose of a rural family struggling with contemporary definitions of home. The Marsh production. Play runs thru 3/28 at 8:30 pm. Tix: $7-10 SL fee on Thurs, $8 Sun, $12 Fri & Sat ($10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged). The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Big Butt Girls, Hard-Headed Women One-woman show starring Rhodessa Jones. Show is a series of monologues collected from Jones' initial work as an aerobics instructor in the SF county jails, telling the stories of the women she taught there. Cultural Odyssey production. Play runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 3/12-14. Tix $15 eve performances, $10 Sun matinees. Central YMCA Theater, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info/res: 885-0460.

I'm Not Perfect, touching, funny one-man solo performance cum emotional travelogue centered on growing up in a Jewish neighborhood in Boston. Play explores the back-and-forth struggle of becoming a person while being a performer. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, thru 3/28. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 751-2600.

Relive the '70s with "The Real Live Brady Bunch" at the Alcazar Theatre. See OnStage for details.

Awed Behavior by Rinde Eckert, music composed by Paul Dresher. New opera theatre work inspired by the lives & works of Mary & Percy Bysshe Shelley. Play focuses on two lovers, a poet & a novelist, as they explore their individual creative processes as well as personal interactions, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous; each character envisions fantasies & nightmares of the other, blurring the fact & fiction of their mythic relationship into monsters of their own

creation. Paul Dresher Ensemble production. Runs Wed-Sun 3/24-28. Tix $16.50 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $18.50 Fri & Sat. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

Runaways words & music by Elizabeth Swados. Hard-hitting, socially relevant musical about a group of young people who have run away from their homes and are living on the streets. New Conservatory Theatre production. Play runs 3/18-27; Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm. 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. $10. Info/res: 861-8972.

The Passion of Dracula by Bob Hall & David Richmond. Terrifying & amazing, play pumps new blood into this old war horse. Pacifica Spendthrift Players production. Runs thru 3/27 at Oddstad Theatre, 1050 Crespi Dr, Pacifica. Info/res: 359-8002.

Fish Head Soup by Philip Kan Gotanda. Matt Iwasaki returns home after having faked his death 5 years before. He's been to Japan, had a minor epiphany about his Asianness, and now wants his family to mortgage their house so he can make a movie about Japanese Americans. When he returns home, however, he finds his household very changed. Asian American Theater Company production. Previews thru 3/14, opens 3/17 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sun thru 4/4. 8 pm Wed-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Don James a new comedy written & performed by Theatre Au Naturel. Don James, the famous Italian lover, & his servant Andrew, return home after littering the continent of Europe with the satisfied bodies of thousands of women. Upon his return home, James is confronted by a woman who accuses him of rape, and the statue of her father. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 7 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 3/28. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello St, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 751-2600.

Noises Off! by Michael Frayn. Backstage theater farce; a hilarious look at everything that could go wrong in a theatrical performance. Cabaret Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sat thru 4/3. tix $7 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Cabaret Theatre, Adelphian Club Bldg, corner of Central Ave & Walnut St, Alameda. Info/res: (510) 521-9554.

Hamlet by William Shakespeare. Subterranean Shakespeare revives their successful 1989 production featuring Stanley Spenger's brilliant performance as Hamlet & Michael Cawelti's stunning combat choreography. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/27. Thurs-Sat shows at 7 pm, dinner seating available at 6:30 pm. Sun shows start at 1 pm, lunch seating available at 12:30. LaVal's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 540-7743. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdts/srs. No performance on 3/28.

We Are Here... Dark Divas. Avant-garde dinner show featuring storytelling monologues, poetry & songs about "loving a man from his head to toes and all the paradise in between." The Dark Divas are Ross Hanna & Uthra (aka Lorenzo Buford). 3/15, 22 & 29 at Muchachas Restaurant, 4238 18th St, SF. Tix $25 dinner & show, no-host bar. Seating limited. Info/res: 929-1430.

Crimes in Hot Countries by Howard Barker. Dark comedy full of political absurdism. Set in an unnamed British military outpost after WWI, the play pits a range of garrulous characters of both sexes against one another. Central Works production. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 3/27. St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 549-0753.

The Real Live Brady Bunch a staged reenactment of the '70s sitcom, by Faith & Jill Soloway. Part theater, part comedy night, and all party, the show's scripts are taken from the most memorable episodes of the popular TV series. Features heavy audience participation, as spectators sing along with actors, howl at vintage fashions & shout out their favorite lines. A different Brady episode is performed each week. Show runs along with **The Real Live Game Show**, created & hosted by Eric Waddell, who, in the guise of a game show host, invites the audience to compete for fabulous prizes. Show previews 3/16-18, opens 3/19, runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 7 & 9:30 pm, and midnight, thru April 11. Tix $18.50-$25.50, available at (510) 762-BASS. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF.

Trouble by Steve Friedman. Haunting drama about the state of the world at the end of the 20th century. Magic Theatre production. Previews 3/12 & 13, opens 3/17, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 4/4 (closing performance at 7:30 pm). Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

The Conquest of the South Pole by Manfred Karge, translated by Ralf E Remshardt, Caron Cadle & Cal MacLean. Drama explores the dignity inherent in the imagination of 5 unemployed men. Jawbone Theatre Ensemble production. Runs Fri & Sat 3/19-4/3 at 8 pm, Sun 3/21, 28 & 4/1 at 7 pm. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St, SF. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 654-9072.

HMS Pinafore by Gilbert & Sullivan opens Lamplighters Music Theatre's 41st season. A family favorite at Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic. Show runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 3/13-4/25. Tix $22. Info/res: 752-7755.

Nighthawks by Evan Blake. Play based on Edward Hopper's oil painting, "Nighthawks," which depicts three patrons and a counterman in a diner late at night on a deserted city street. Artfull Circle Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm, thru 4/11. Tix $10. Info/res: 626-5455. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF.

Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare. Hillbarn Theatre presents a production of Shakespeare's classic, using a deaf actor in the part of Romeo, and featuring a mixture of signed and spoken English. Play runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, with Thurs performances on 3/18 at 8 pm, and two Sun matinees on 3/21 & 28 at 8 pm. Tix $13 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 349-6411 voice/TDD.

Claustrophilia by Amy Freed. An unconventional romantic comedy about voluntary entombment. Play takes a satirical look at the brilliance of Edgar Allen Poe as it tells the final chapter of the marriage of Poe and his child-bride/cousin, Virginia "Sissy" Clemm; beguiling parable of sexual politics. Play runs with Freed's new work, **The Ghoul of Amherst**, a solo piece about the obsessive nature of Emily Dickinson. Climate Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 4/21. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services is a multicultural organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. HIV+ support groups include Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling, and ongoing African-American specific, multicultural & transgender groups. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

"Claustrophilia," Amy Freed's black comedy about an obsessive Edgar Allen Poe. OnStage has info. Photo by Shane MacKay

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

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Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group. free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV +, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

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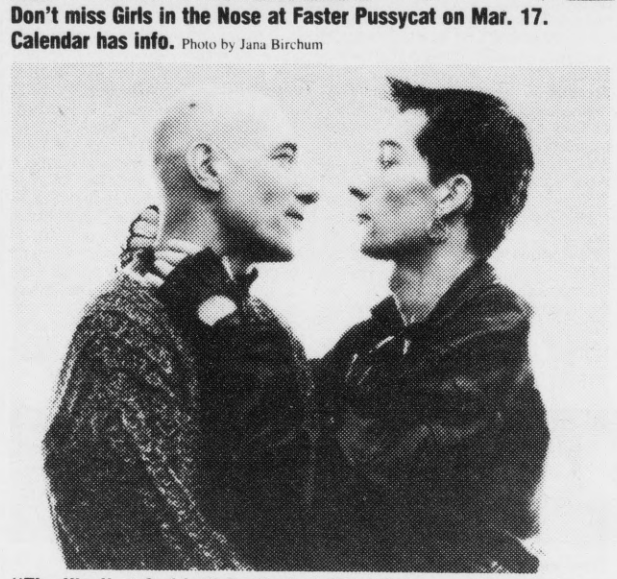
Don't miss Girls in the Nose at Faster Pussycat on Mar. 17. Calendar has info. Photo by Jana Birchum



"The Kiss" at 2nd Int'l Festival of Short Films, on Mar. 12. See Calendar for info.

Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV +/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease. Tues 5:30-7 pm, free. Led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS. 3-month commitment required. Call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides group & individual counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems or taking psychiatric medication, or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one refused service for inability to pay. Info/intake appt: 626-7000 V/TTY. Wheelchair Accessible. 1853 Market St, SF.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section.

"Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets twice monthly. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Cogender Bisocial Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Bisexual Male Incest Survivors are invited to submit autobiographical reflections/personal narratives in written form for an anthology on gay/bisexual male incest survivors. For info/guidelines, send SASE to: Boundaries Limited, 584 Castro St, Ste 410, SF 94114-2588. No perpetrators, please. Deadline: 4/31.

Women Incest Survivors: Seeking Bay Area incest survivors who have used art as a means to work thru incest experiences & assist in the healing process, and are interested in sharing their work in an art show or book. For info/details: Susan Reeder, 140 Amherst Ave, Menlo Park, 94025. Names of all respondents held in strictest confidence.

SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, spons by Frameline, is accepting submissions for next year's event (6/18-27, 1993). Work in any genre, length or form by or about lesbians & gay men, especially work by women or people of color, is welcome. For preview purposes, work must be submitted on VHS or ¾" tape. $10 handling fee for return within the US, $15 for international return. For more info & entry forms contact Frameline: PO Box 14792, SF CA 94114 or call (415) 703-8650, fax (415) 861-1404. Entry deadline: 3/1.

Jewish Lesbian & Gay Program of the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival seeks entries covering a wide range of issues & concerns of lesbian & gay Jews including: Lesbians & gays and/or AIDS in Israel, Global AIDS, the Holocause & Jewish Community Response, Queer Jews & Activism, Queer Jews & Jewish Tradition, Queer Jews & the Lesbian/Gay Community. The goal of the program is to screen works which examine both lesbian & gay & Jewish identity and illuminate larger questions of race, class & sexuality for the lesbian & gay community in general. For more info & entry forms contact Marc Smolowitz, guest curator, Frameline, 346 9th St, SF 94103 or call 703-8650, 252-9363. Fax: 861-1404. Deadline: 3/1.

Gay & Lesbian Street Fair Participants & Spectators: Photographer seeks statements/narratives for submission with photographers's portfolio on SF's major gay & lesbian street events (Pride Parade, Folsom & Castro Street Fairs, and Halloween). Select one event & write a one-two-page essay on what that event means to you. If book is published & your statement used, you will receive $50 for each statement, and free copy of the book. Send statements to: Steve Cassidy Photography, 400 Duboce St, No. 318, SF 94117 or call 905-4453 for more info. Deadline: 4/12.

SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pic-

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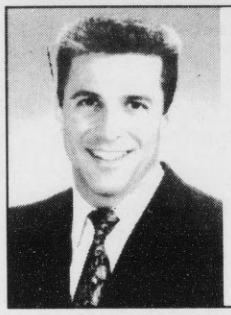

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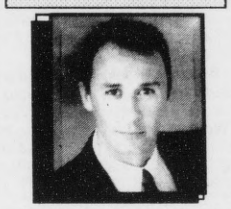

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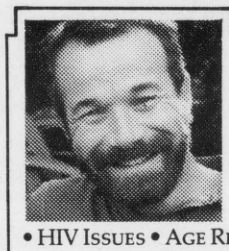

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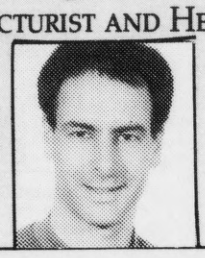

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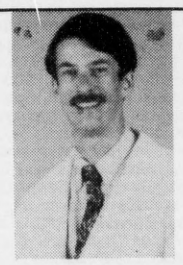

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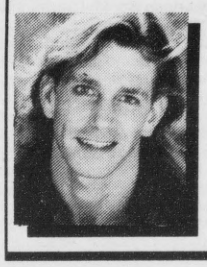

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► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month: Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Bay Area Booklovers: Group for gays & lesbians who take fiction seriously. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sun of the month. Info: Jay 771-3198.

SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.

Mark Davis in "Among My Wigs" at Josie's Mar. 10-14.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members. walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.

Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birth-mothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

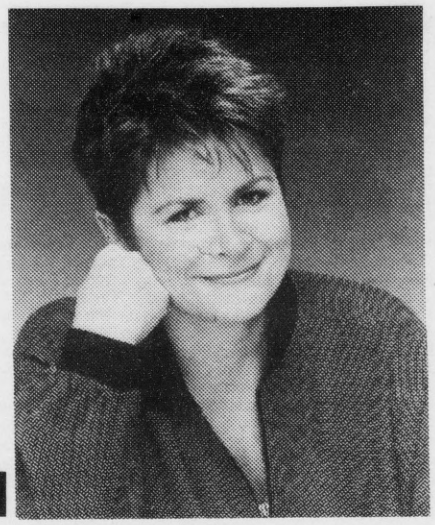
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All



Kate Clinton appears at Palace of Fine Arts on Mar. 21. Calendar has details. Photo by Jeanne Rizzo

Edwina Lee Tyler performs at Redwood Cultural Work's Int'l Women's Day Festival on Mar. 13. Check Calendar for info. Photo by Masashi Ohtsu

are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr. Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

Community Women's Orchestra: Amateur ensemble open to all women who play an orchestral instrument & have ensemble playing experience. String players especially needed & welcome. Wkly rehearsals in SF & Eastbay. CWO plays works by women composers as well as traditional orchestral repertoire. Info: (510) 428-1350.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women's Writing Group in pursuit of Wild Mind meets weekly for freewriting as well as critiquing. For location, times & other info call 824-9608.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Wed at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 7:30 pm. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sun every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A

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Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center
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demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for the melting pot luck in our homes. All ages, singles, couples, multiracial, are welcome! Open to all diversity, come join in! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Venite! Gruppo sociale per chiacchierare in italieno. Last Friday eve of each month. Call 824-2323.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Group meets for potluck parties, first Fri of each month. SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.

Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

Steve Friedman's haunting drama "Trouble" at the Magic Theatre. See Onstage for details. Photo by David Allen

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Wed eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.

Faith Fellowship: Sun services 6 pm, bible study Wed at 6:30 pm. All welcome! 22577 Bay View Ave, Hayward. Info: (510) 537-2992.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage. 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive More Light Presbyterian community. Worship service: 10 am Sun; Cantate, a joyous service of chanting, meditation & prayer, 2nd Sun of each month at 7 pm. Women's spirituality gathering, an exploration of sexuality, spirituality & justice, 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm. All lifestyles are welcome! 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for professional clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at noon at the stretching bars, Angell Field, Stanford University. For info call Linda (408) 226-5966 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
X-TA-C Cross Country Ski Club spons 1-day and wkend ski trips to various locations in Northern Calif. All levels of skiing ability are welcome. Monthly potlucks held during the ski season. Info: 330-5485.
SAGA North Ski Club: Social club for gay & lesbian downhill skiiers of all ability levels. Monthly mtgs throughout the ski season, and trips to Park City, Jackson Hole, Tahoe, etc. Info: 995-2772.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.
0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.
Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.
SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 824-2512.
Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets 3rd Wed of each month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! Info: 905-6267.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.
Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.
East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.
Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.
Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.
Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.
Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.
Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.
Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.
Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.
Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4659 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.
SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.
QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.
Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.
GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.
12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.
Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283
Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.
Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.
Cogender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.

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(L-r) Diet Popstitute, Phillip R. Ford, and Mylar backstage at "Dolls." Photo by Marc Geller

Uncle Donald's Cabin Fever

A couple of weeks ago, instead of finding myself perched over my typewriter in my Blake Carrington power chair (a find from the streets) on Saturday morning after an all-nighter filled with research, races for last call and last-minute stabs at procrastination/inspiration groping around with well-endowed strangers in dark places and ultimately settling down to my desk in the wee hours and working till the sun burns high, I was somewhere else completely. I was at the Grange Co-op Feed and Supply Store in White City, Ore., helping a burly tobacco chewer load 80-pound sacks of grain into the back of my mother's Wagoneer. The absurdity of the moment insured its placement in my next column's intro. And no, the tobacco chewer was not hot. In fact I've never felt so completely isolated from queerness in my entire life.

I had to wonder about that failed initiative in Oregon last election. It must be hard to muster up anything about the rights of gays when there are seemingly none around. Anything but hatred, that is, which was startlingly clear when the first thing my 10-year-old nephew said, after silently surveying me for 20 minutes, was, "I'm gonna pull your earrings out!" I responded with a threat about kicking his skinny ass from one end of the double-wide trailer to the other and we were fast friends from then on. A death in the family had brought all of my mother's grandkids together, along with my brother and sister and in-laws and a variety of casseroles, hams and three-bean salads from friends and neighbors—a truly beautiful custom I had completely forgotten about and would like to instigate in this cold concrete jungle, where someone is always healing from the loss of a loved one.

My stepfather died and, for the first time, my mother needed her children at her side, so we were there—except for my brother Steven, who was electronically collared by the authorities to stay within a certain county in Washington. It's just as well—my stepfather forbade him to come around ever since Steven stole two guns from him. With all those concerned loved ones popping by and the grandkids climbing on the new sofa with sticky hands, my mom didn't need the stress.

UNCLE DONALD HAS A WAY WITH KIDS

Upon my arrival, I pretty much captured the attention of the kids, who, for some reason, worship their Uncle Donald. We played a game of 20 questions while they all took turns wearing my leather jacket and sunglasses. I asked my 13-year-old niece if she liked Madonna and she told me her mother thinks Madonna is bad, too dirty. "Well, your mother is wrong," I said, "and she should let you wear make-up too." This game mostly consisted of their questions being rapidly fired at me—and they had some really good ones—mostly within earshot of all the adults, which kind of put me on the spot. Questions like, "Why is your hair gray on the ends but like my dad's further up?" or "How come you talk and act different than your brother? Are you adopted?" or "Why do girls paint their faces white and look like they're dead in San Francisco? My mom said they do." (Her mom had been to a fabric store on Haight Street.) But my favorite question, as always, was, "Why aren't you married? You're weird." With all eyes on me, I responded, "I'm not married because I'm scared to death of having rude little children like yourself who ask people personal questions in front of others at inappropriate times. As for being weird, it runs in the family." How do the kids respond? They worship me.

I know that uncles aren't supposed to play favorites or anything but I had to admit that my 8-year-old nephew, Austin, who headed straight for my bag of cassette tapes and walkman, is a real pistol. He has one of those wide, mischievous smiles like Sandra Bernhard, and an equally vicious sense of humor. For instance, he suggested we try to agitate his 10-year-old brother, Cole, because he has Tourette's Syndrome and "starts ticking" when frustrated. Tempting but not appropriate, I thought, so I played him Babes in Toyland and Shonen Knife on the walkman instead, which he kept requesting me to turn up louder. He then ran off singing, "Handsome and Gretel," after explaining that he likes heavy metal because, "I just like the sound of loud things smashing together, that's all." Yes, Austin is my favorite.

I woke up one morning to find almost a foot of snow had fallen and was still floating down so I pulled on some warm clothes and boots and set out doing the chores for my mother, feeding an odd variety of fowl, including peacocks, ducks, chicken, geese, turkeys and some Canadian honkers who stopped their migration to live in this bird paradise. I picked up a stick and poked it around in the snow and busted up laughing, thinking about Phillip R. Ford's *Dolls*, and how the character Anne Wells, played magnificently by Flynn, does this very same thing when she goes back to her hometown of Lawrenceville for a death in the family.

I spent the evenings with my mom, quietly watching an array of "old queen" movies like *All About Eve, Auntie Mame* and *Sunset Boulevard*, which I brought with me to take her mind off her fears and sadness. She reminisced a lot and talked about how the dogs and birds all missed my stepfather and how he would scatter seed in special spots daily for this or that bird with a certain disability like a crooked beak or a deformed foot. Her sleeping pill, a luxury she never indulged in before, would kick in and I joked about her wobbly sort of bedtime dance—a pharmaceutical stagger—then say goodnight.

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A few times I staggered down to the riverfront property for an occasional pot-smoking nature trot, just like I used to do as a teenager. The river was swollen and fast from the melting snow and the rocks were smooth and flat and perfect for skipping. I heard the familiar siren-like call of the peacocks in the distance and I thought to myself, this is the most godforsaken boring place on earth and I can't wait to get home and just run screaming to a gay bar or a cruising spot or go shopping late-night on lower Haight at that special sidewalk boutique that only closes when it rains. Better yet, I decided, to head straight for the heart of all the glamour, style and goodness this city can offer upon my return, which I did. I popped out of the Airporter, into some fancy duds, into a cab and straight to that evening's performance of *Dolls*. After all, White City could be there forever. I was finally home again.

CABLE CAR AWARDS OFF-TRACK

Dolls has grown into a rich, humorous spectacle that I could watch again and again. Starved for the simple pleasure, I ravenously devoured the local gay weeklies and bi-weeklies for reviews, most of which were favorable or favorable/bitter. Perhaps the most succinct thing written about the show came from Johnny Hooks' column in *Odyssey*, which was a short sentence or two stating how ripe for national recognition the talented cast of *Dolls* is. An accompanying review in that same issue was hilarious and, dare I say it, drug-induced or at least in the style of a person familiar with drug use—image-rich and stream-of-consciousness meanderings peppered with "laugh out loud" phrases. Pretty great writing from an ever-improving little publication.

When someone in the dressing room congratulated me on my Cable Car Award nomination I groaned and rolled my eyes and Phil Ford cackled and asked, "Are you going to the awards again this year, Don?" I responded, "I refuse to sell any more of my record collection to attend an awards ceremony where we dress better than everyone and are still treated like a table full of juvenile delinquents and none of us ever win." I read the list of nominations and it was painfully devoid of some obviously overlooked shoo-ins in certain categories. So what else is new about the gay and lesbian gentry, so scared of something new and different, so dependent upon sales and sponsorship and tyranny and creative bookkeeping, so guilty of censorship in a way, their heads buried so deep up their asses? They should just place a huge inflatable bottle of beer in the middle of the Fashion Center and worship it.

This got my mind racing with ideas about what to do about or to the Cable Car Association in response. I suggested a giant stink bomb be lit during the ceremony. Someone suggested an organized public vote plan that would allow me a chance to accept an award and really fuck shit up with my graceful, witty, well-planned speech. Another thought was a boycott and demonstration. Then it hit me. The next day I spoke with Diet Popstitute and we're going to formulate our own little awards ceremony for the many people who deserve to be honored for their contributions to the gay community; for the sweat, tears, love and undying dedication that have made our world a more colorful, inviting, hilarious and—how could I forget—glamorous place to live in. We'll keep you posted as the plans are laid and if you readers have any clever name to suggest for this award and ceremony please submit them to Don Baird c/o *SF Bay Times*. One last thing: There will be no category honoring outstanding achievement in sports whatsoever unless the sport is played in high heels.

FAITH IN ROCK RESTORED

I continued my glad-to-be-back-home cultural saturation with a vengeance, leading me to the End Up at 6 am on Sunday morning for a classic good time that had me asking myself the question, "Why do I go out any other time?" I hit my favorite newsstand to discover Jade Semi-Precious, currently knocking 'em dead as Jennifer North in *Dolls*, gracing the cover of *Mondo 2000* with a fantastic pictorial inside. I shared it with a few of my female co-workers, who all chimed in, "She's beautiful." Indeed.

I saw the Lunachicks on Monday at the Kennel Club and for an encore they did a stunning version of Bad Company's "Feel Like Makin' Love," complete with a cute little line dance. The crowd was large and just about the nicest group of dykes and fags and hets slam-mingling together amiably that I've yet to encounter at a rock show. My fading interest and faith in the music scene overall was completely sparked up again by that show and by Friday, after seeing Sonic Youth's added late show at the Warfield, the rocker in me was completely on fire again, so look for some more coverage of the devil's music on these pages soon. As for Sonic Youth, in my opinion they've never played a more brilliant set. Kim Gordon, in a butterfly print nylon dress, is the unequalled queen of rock and roll, her deliveries of both bass and vocal lines were more forceful, intense and telling than the band's latest release, *Dirty*, implies. It's good to see a longtime veteran of alternative music still angry as all get out. At times the band took a totally frenetic, haywire moment of noisy trademark guitar majesty and orchestrated it down to a near-silent ominous hum, hushing and immobilizing the wild crowd with improvisational feedback wizardry like they were Pat Metheny's band or something. It was unlike any rock show I'd ever seen in that respect...respect of feedback. ✿

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London Calling

During my first four days in London three bombs went off. The last time I was here, the stock market collapsed, a hurricane hit and a large number of people were incinerated in a tube fire. Any predictions on the next catastrophe? I have none. Since I'm staying in an overseas graduate student dorm (courtesy of my cousin), I had occasion to get the immediate reaction of the U.S. citizens to the bombing of the World Trade Center. They sneered at the British press' contention that it was comeuppance for America's sense of invulnerability. Some sour grapes, perhaps? Bombings hardly raise an eyebrow here—they're just a fact of life with the IRA so active. Following suit with many reservations, I went record-shopping in Camden Town the day after a bomb injured five people.

Camden Town is one of the "hipper" neighborhoods. Five years ago, I went to a tiny club here called Dingwall's Dancehall to hear this oddball, androgynous talent who was making waves in the local alternative press. Her name was k.d. lang. While there, I noticed a large number of flannel-shirted women crowded up front. I left impressed. I like to think the show hastened my coming out process. Well, now k.d.-mania has hit Britain, and she's all over the place. You can't turn around without reading about her or hearing "Constant Craving" on the radio.

Of course, lesbians are in the lead. Feb. 27 marked the dawning of k.d. convergence, with an all-day, all-women k.d. convention that included video screenings, stalls and a disco. I'd love to give more details, but the press was barred from the sold-out event. My source tells me, though, that it was mostly dykes. In fact, at a group discussion, one lesbian said she'd like to see lang in a settled lesbian relationship and raising children. At this, another woman demurred, saying, "I'm not gay but I can't see that. I can't relate to that at all." I'm with you, sister.

One topic of discussion was k.d.'s appearance on "The Brits," a British music awards show with very little credibility. Making the most of what was obviously just a public relations appearance, lang sang a revamped version of the old Barbra Streisand-Donna Summer duet, "No More Tears (Enough Is Enough.)" You know, the one that begins, "It's raining. It's pouring. My love life is boring me to tears..." Scarily, I confess I know it by heart, and have a copy of the single somewhere. Well, in this version, k.d. handled the Barbra part while Donna's was sung by... superfag Andy Bell of Erasure! As you might expect, it was a mite surreal. They started off in the audience, then moved to the stage, where k.d. danced around Andy. I was quite eager to hear what pronouns they'd use, since the original was all about boys. Andy left the "he" and "him" bits intact, and k.d. only made one change. "I always dreamed I'd find the perfect lover, but he turned out to be like every other man" became "... *they* turned out to be like every other *one*." A bit awkward, eh? What's wrong with "she"? Well, it sounds like hit material to me, but there are no plans to release their version.

I don't know why not, since it seems like every other song of the last 30 years has been climbing up the charts: "I Put a Spell on You," "The Love I Lost," "I'll Be There," even "Stairway to Heaven"! Acck. Give me queerified disco fluff! (Or is that redundant?) Give me k.d. and Andy!

One avid k.d. lang fan, Julie, says a year ago she was having trouble finding information on the singer in the UK, and so, with her friend Jen, moved in to fill the gap. The result is the 16-page, typewritten zine, *Angel With an Attitude*. The third issue is just out and available by mail only. Sitting across from me in a cafe, Julie is momentarily struck dumb when I ask her what she likes about k.d. "I just love her to pieces," she says, beaming. No further explanation necessary, apparently.

Well, I suppose the zine speaks for itself, with a short history of k.d.'s life, a discography and some poetry. The photos and graphics are excellent, reflecting Julie's fine arts studies. Her partner's contributions include a hilarious account of finagling to get k.d. to kiss her from the stage. The writing does tend toward run-on sentences, but that's OK, it's still a good zine. You should get it, OK? As far as I'm concerned any zine that manages to work mentions of k.d., Martina and Phranc into one story gets my vote. Julie would love to hear from Americans. Send $5 cash to J.A. Bennett, PO Box 501, London SE21 7DS England.

As I said, British radio leaves something to be desired. I'm happy to see "Constant Craving" is getting airplay, but I must say it is weird to hear k.d. lang back to back with Madonna. Or even stranger, Lulu! Yes, Lu "To Sir With Love" Lu. The very same one is back with a slick dance number that's become something of a gay anthem, "Independence." ("I want my independence. I want my freedom right now.")

I haven't been to a club yet, though it's not for lack of trying. I have been to several shows. The place is crawling with Americans: Indigo Girls, Joan Baez and Shawn Colvin are all on this week, as well as a few bands I'll report on later. Our lesbian bands seem to be in short supply, though I did track down one called the Brendas, and I just missed the Scottish band, the Well-Oiled Sisters, who play country. I've also been scoping out the lesbian community. True to form, the Lesbian and Gay Centre (the largest in Europe) closed two months before I got here, but I popped in to First Out coffeeshop, a (blissfully for me) nonsmoking, vegetarian eatery. Photographer Della Grace (*Love Bites*) has an exhibit here, and while I was munching away on my courgette lasagna, I happened to look up to see a big... Well, anyway, it was interesting. I'll have more news next time.

GIRLS IN THE HOUSE

Back on the home front, I encourage you to check out the SF debut of Girls in the Nose on March 24 at Faster Pussycat. If you're not familiar with the band, they kick shit live. Their most recent release, *Origin of the World*, is long on rock anthems and their philosophy of Viva la Vulva. Gretchen Phillips co-founded the band with Kay Turner before moving on to the now defunct Two Nice Girls. In fact, Gretchen's rejoined the band for their short tour, which started in Idaho, for some reason. Getting an update from Gretchen, I learned it's been a hard year for her. She's been going through her Saturn Return and says, "It's kicked my butt in a big way. I've questioned every fiber of my being."

Since Two Nice Girls broke up, she's been doing a lot of four track work with a Casio keyboard, as well as working with ex-Nice Girl Meg Hentges and Darcee (ex-GITN) under the name Blobby. Says Gretchen of the improv trio, "It's about just being stoned and writing. There's a beautiful spirit of improvisation." Pot, she says, is a helpful catalyst for artistic expression. Well, it works for the Dead. One thing she's really been getting into is setting poems to music. She's really jazzed about the concept. "We set up a box at the lezzie bar and asked people to submit poems and then we set them to music." Someday we may hear the Essential Blobby, but we've heard these promises before.

As for Girls in the Nose, Gretchen's tenure in the band is finite. She says she eventually wants to vent her ego by starting a band called the Gretchen Phillips Experience. For now, though, "I want to continue with the Girls in the Nose vision." That vision, says guitarist Lisa Wickware, has been expanded with some new songs, in-

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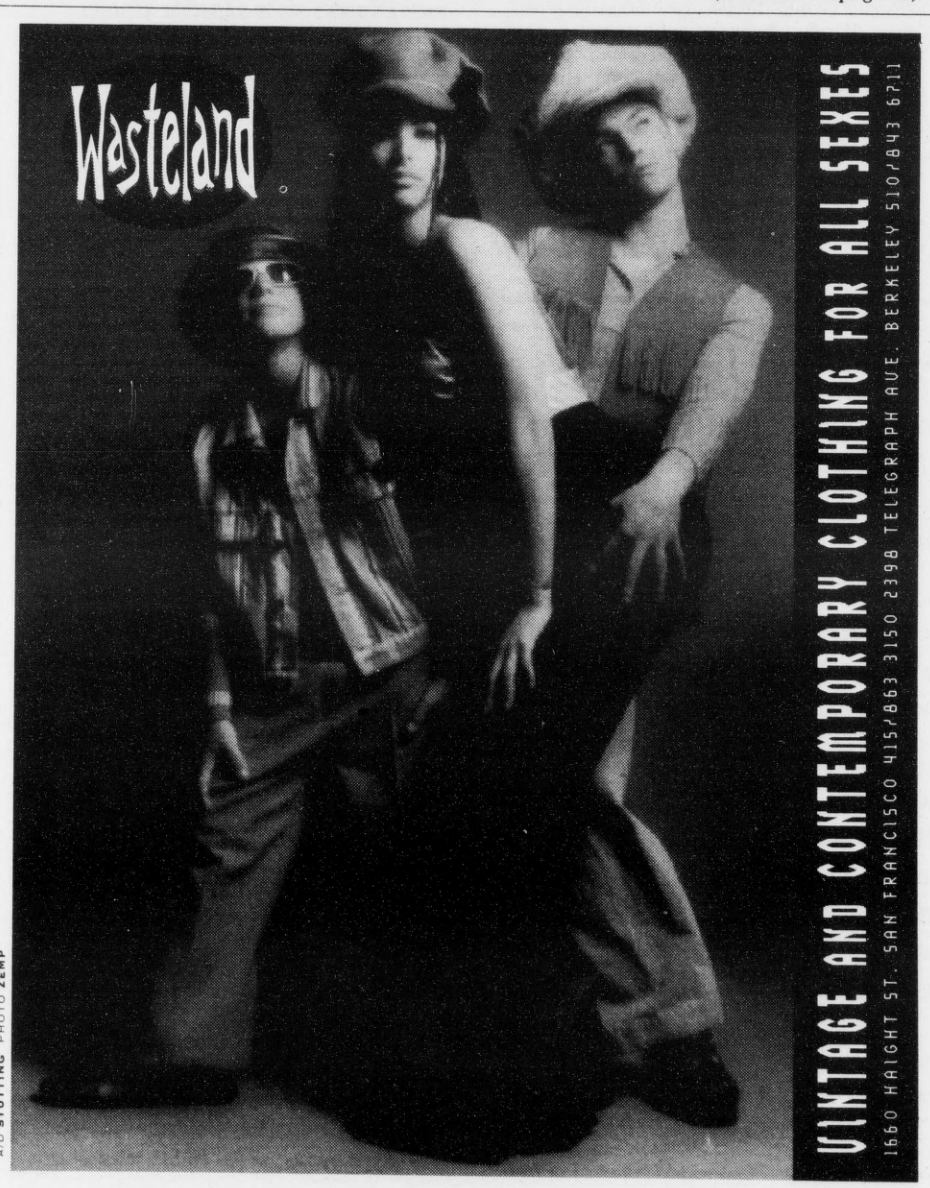

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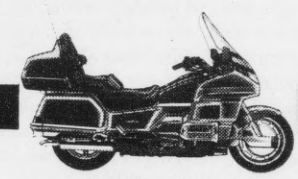
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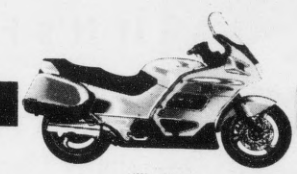
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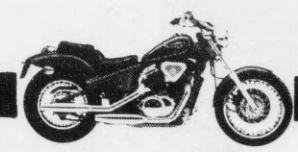
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BY CHING CHANG

Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers: The Winter Concert

Soprano Emma Kirkby and lutenist Anthony Rooley. Photo by Alex Von Koettlitz

Chanticleer: An alchemy of voices working magic.

After an exhausting week, I faced a Sunday evening concert by the Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers. Damn, I thought. Yet another item to juggle into my weekend. As the evening approached, I somewhat dreaded the prospect of investing the few brain cells I had left to discover higher truths behind the cacophonous blobs of sound in new music.

But by the time the concert was over, I was relaxed and refreshed, ready to face another Monday deadline. The evening became a re-energizing holistic ritual and an inspiring finale to a chaotic week. Yes, I was glad I went, and so was the modest crowd which filled the little hall at the SF Community Music Center on Capp Street.

What makes the SGLC's enterprise work, of course, is the musical integrity behind its stated goals. Their concerts are certainly among the best of local alternative music (the Society has just been nominated for a Cable Car Award for an Outstanding Concert). My only wish is that their concerts would be more thematically organized, with some kind of unifying title or theme, so that the works presented wouldn't read like a catalog list of new music.

As usual, the SGLC unveiled a batch of fresh chamber-sized compositions of diverse style and scope. It opened with the premiere of Hugh Trutton's *Sonatine pour le Vingt Doigts* (1992), a piano duet performed by the composer himself and Richard Stevens. Then came Otokokonomu's *Yugata Fuji* (evening Fuji), composed in 1989 for solo piano, which aims to describe a sunset at Mt. Fuji. Andrew Iverson's delivery of the work was tastefully understated, yet deeply felt—quite appropriate for the sparse texture of the piece.

Charles Buel's tape piece which followed, the *SOMA Suite* in four movements, supposedly depicts the South of Market leather world. It opens with a movement called *On Your Own Day You Are Believed* (a seemingly aimless tune played with a synthesized celesta sound over a repetitive, echoing bass), and closes with *Party Time,* which sounds like a 10-year-old having a blast with a DX7. Closing the first half of the evening was Dennis Lindholm's *Jazz Set* (1987-1992), four piano pieces consisting of *l'Aperitif* (sounded a bit like Satie), *Rockridge Swing*, *Wistful Dream* and *Jabberwalk*. The set was well received, with Lindholm himself at the piano playing with chic sophistication. His later pieces on the program, the *Four Waltz Interludes* (which Lindholm composed as a wedding gift), were most beautifully performed by Steve Sweeney's gifted fingers on the piano.

After intermission, Richard Stevens and Hugh Trutton returned to play *Two Codpieces* by Peter Warlock (the only composer not in attendance—according to the program notes, he committed suicide in 1930 in his London flat), which are lively musical parodies of Beethoven and Franck written in a turn-of-the-century style. The first vocal piece of the evening, Peter Bellinger's *Ending* received a reading by mezzo-soprano Kris Ingle with John Burke on piano. Then Andrew Iverson returned to play Otokokonomu's second piece, *On the High Road to Taos*, also composed in 1989.

The program concluded with two songs by Sue Carney (the only lesbian composer on the program), *Lullabye* and *The Wakeful Dream*, tenderly sung by mezzo-soprano Leslie Hassberg, with Karen Wells on clarinet, Vanessa Ruotolo on cello and Andrew Iverson on piano. Carney, who is associate music director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, dedicated the songs to Carolyn Gage, who wrote the lyrics for Carney's sucessful lesbian musical *The Amazon All-Stars*.

The SGLC is planning to hold its Spring Concert on Sunday, June 20 at 7 pm, also at the SF Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. Call (415) 333-2755 for info.

EMMA KIRKBY SINGS BARBARA STROZZI

Though still little is known, a fair amount of research on early women composers is currently being carried out, which hopefully will make possible the more regular inclusion in the repertoire of such pieces as Barbara Strozzi's *L'Astratto*, as it was performed by soprano Emma Kirkby and lutenist Anthony Rooley in Berkeley's Hertz Hall last Sunday. Barbara Strozzi (1619-1664) is commonly regarded as the earliest known woman composer to attain prominence during her own lifetime. Born to a wealthy family, Strozzi was a prolific composer, an accomplished singer and belonged to several music societies in 17th century Venice. And yet, she is rarely mentioned in music history books.

There were women composers who came before Strozzi, of course. Typically, most women composers in Baroque and pre-Baroque eras were nuns, often sequestered from the outside world. Their music, according to musicologist Philip Brett, might carry emotional heights sublimating a passion and eroticism in highly charged descriptions of, for instance, their bodily pains and the milk in their breasts. All of which is made more poignant upon a realization that music was the only public voice available to these women.

Strozzi's *L'Astratto* is a highly inventive, theatrical celebration of song, which shows her creative genius in employing theatricality without sacrificing melody. A singer's composer, the coloratura is used sparingly, in an utterly musical, rather than showy fashion (though I cannot be sure how much of the ornamentation is Kirkby's conception without looking at the score). The sad and comical text speaks of a person who tries to find peace in singing, yet cannot find a proper song.

Also on the program were Monteverdi's famous *Lamento d'Arianna* and Carissimi's *Lamento di Maria Stuarda* in the Italian part of the program. After intermission, Anthony Rooley and Emma Kirkby performed Henry Lawe's *Ariadne's Lament*, John Blow's *Sappho to the Goddess of Love* and John Weldon's disarming *Nature Framed Thee* (from the *Judgement of Paris*).

Widely regarded as the world's leading early music primadonna, British soprano Emma Kirkby sang with the limpid, effortlessly clear tones she is famous for, and yet, there was an ever so slight hint of a darker tonal shade, employed to her absolute advantage in all the laments she performed so beautifully. The humanity of her dramatic sense and spontaneity of musical phrasing would teach any superstar opera diva a lesson in humility. Accompanied by the precise, sensitively controlled playing of Anthony Rooley, this was a flawless performance of the highest caliber.

CHANTICLEER AUF DEUTSCH

With a firmly established reputation for Renaissance and contemporary repertoire, it seemed as if the men in Chanticleer had been avoiding Romantic repertoire like the forbidden fruit. In their Auf Deutsch concert at SF Calvary Presbyterian Church last week, Chanticleer ventured into the territory of German Romantic vocal music, and they seemed quite at home with it.

It wasn't actually entirely uncharted territory. The program's first half opened with German Renaissance songs by Senfl and Isaac and anonymous composers, arranged in structured groupings designated "Songs of St. Martin's Day," "Songs of the Hunt," "Songs of Love and Patience," etc. Within these groupings, some pieces were sung by small vocal ensembles made up of individual singers from Chanticleer's 12 voices. Particularly memorable were the cheerful *Wohlauf, Wohlauf* from the Songs of the Hunt, the gorgeous blend and delicately crafted reading of *Ich Armer Boss*, from Songs of Love and Patience, and the rich textural complexity of the eight-part poliphony in *Was Wird es Doch des Trinkens Noch*, from the set of Drinking and Miracles.

The second half of the program, which I was waiting for with great eagerness, opened with a set of three Schubert part songs: *Sehnsucht, Mondenschein* (with David Shaller's solo) and *Gesang der Geister uber den Wassern*, which Chanticleer colored to a radiant translucence. In Schumann's *Sechs Lieder fur Vierstimmigen Mannerchor, Op. 33* which followed, *Die Lotusblume* (the third song, on a poem by Heine) brought out of the ensemble sounds of unbearable sweetness. Peter Cornelius' *Der Alte Soldat* (on a poem by Eichendorff) provided a contrast by bringing out the sound of a full ensemble, as the piece builds toward the end to a sonority and intensity which nearly matches that of the Pilgrim's Chorus in *Tannhauser*.

The closing set of the program, *Drei Mannerchore* by Richard Strauss (who would have thought they would one day hear Chanticleer perform Strauss?), opened with *Vor den Turen*, which displayed the technical vocal resources available to the ensemble, as the score asks for notes in the sepulchral low-bottom range of the ensemble. In *Traumlicht*, the second piece in the Strauss set, Chanticleer's singers emphasized the luscious, unsettling harmonic suspensions, which are only rewarded with reassuringly sweet resolutions at the last possible moment.

It was yet again the alchemy of voices working their magic for Chanticleer. The next time Chanticleer sings in SF will be on April 23 and 24, on the Vintage Chanticleer concert again at the Calvary Pres. Call (415) 896-5866 for tickets and info. ✿

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BY GENE PRICE

Unquestioned Integrity: The Hill/Thomas Hearings

Larry Eilenberg, artistic director of the Magic Theatre, came up with the concept for this show and turned it over to new associate artistic director Mame Hunt to develop the script. Ellen Sebastian, director, author and co-founder of Life on the Water, was brought in to direct. The project: a dramatized second look at the three-day Senate hearings of October 1991 that released shock waves on themes of sexual harassment through every level of government, industry and society.

The title, ironic in retrospect, is from a statement by Sen. Strom Thurmond, made at the Judiciary Committee hearings on Sept. 10, 1991, that the first attribute of a Supreme Court justice should be "unquestioned integrity."

The judiciary hearings were high drama on live television and to attempt a heightened docudrama of them is another matter altogether. Author Hunt wisely chose not to overlay fact with fiction but to stick to the original 1,200 pages of transcript, about 300 of which contained material on the Anita Hill allegations of sexual harassment. The author's concessions to drama were few but telling. While the dialogue of Hill and Thomas was taken directly from the actual testimony, Hunt has condensed the Senate committee into one composite inquisitor (in a way lessening the impact of an Old Boys Club sniping at its quarry).

As a buzzer signals blackouts, a single chair and table facing the longer committee table are shifted

Margot Hall as Hill and Artis Fontaine as Thomas in "Unquestioned Integrity."
Photo by David Allen

within the confines of designer Ken Rowlings' symbols of state—four handsome, marbleized Corinthian columns. (Hill's chair is set at a distance from the committee table. During Thomas' later questioning, *his* chair is drawn cozily close to the questioning senator. Hill must walk across the room for a glass of water. The senator brings the water to Thomas.)

Leo Downey's senator, a composite of the overtly patronizing, the subtly rude, and the openly hostile mannerisms of such committee members as Thurmond, Joseph Biden and Orrin Hatch, is a remarkable portrait of seemingly kindly but insidiously evil power.

Margo Hall is composed and dignified in her bright, sea-green suit. As witness Hill, she is cooly professional but unfortunately devoid of Hill's inherent warmth, vulnerability and vocal timbre.

When director Sebastian eventually introduces Artis Fountaine as Judge Thomas, the hearing immediately sidesteps the issue of sexual harassment. In a grandstand play for sympathy, Thomas goes on the offensive with charges of racism. Fountaine's powerful and resonant voice repeats Thomas' indictment that this "circus" has

San Jose Civic Light Opera's "Annie."

destroyed him and that it is no more than a "high-tech lynching for uppity Blacks," and then more cleverly intones as though he were Caesar declining the crown, "The Supreme Court is not worth it." What red-blooded, all-American Senate committee would not confirm him simply to deflect charges of racism?

Only once in *Unquestioned Integrity* (though never in the televised hearings) do Hill and Thomas appear together. Yet they do not confront each other but sit profile-to-profile for a moving recitation of their early years and the careers that have led them to this sad point in time.

But what new insights, what new dramatic conclusions has the author's recreation of this real-life drama served other than to recall with fresh anger a recent chapter in our political history?

Unquestioned Integrity plays through March 28 at the Magic Theatre. Call (415) 441-8822.

Annie

That incorrigible harbinger of optimism and good cheer, Little Orphan Annie, is with us again. She's singing her little heart out, brow-beating her fellow orphans, making life hell for Miss Hannigan, and setting FDR, his cabinet and the country on the road to recovery as she belts out the depression-defeating lyrics to "Tomorrow." It's all happening onstage at the San Jose Civic Light Opera.

This Annie is Rachel Marotta, an 11-year-old from Monterey with a gorgeous set of pipes (imagine Merman as a child) and a professional flair that belies her tender years. (She is, unfortunately, sabotaged by a too-large page boy wig that gives her a much too sophisticated look for an otherwise ragged foundling. The other kids' hairdos are properly scrungy.)

You know the comic strip. Billionaire Warbucks (Joe Vincent) sends secretary Grace (Cornelia Whitcomb) to the orphanage to pick up a kid for Christmas. She picks Annie, much to the chagrin of Miss Hannigan (Teri Gibson), grand ogress of the orphanage. Warbucks was hoping for a boy, but Annie turns on the pre-teen sex appeal and Daddy Warbucks immediately sets the FBI to searching for her parents.

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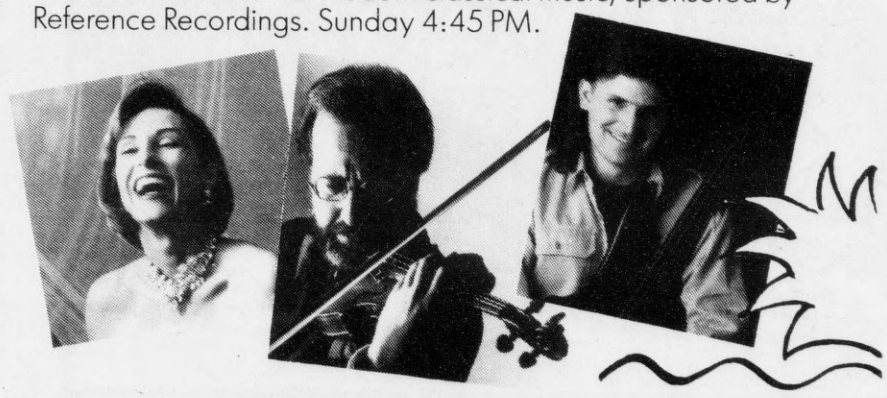

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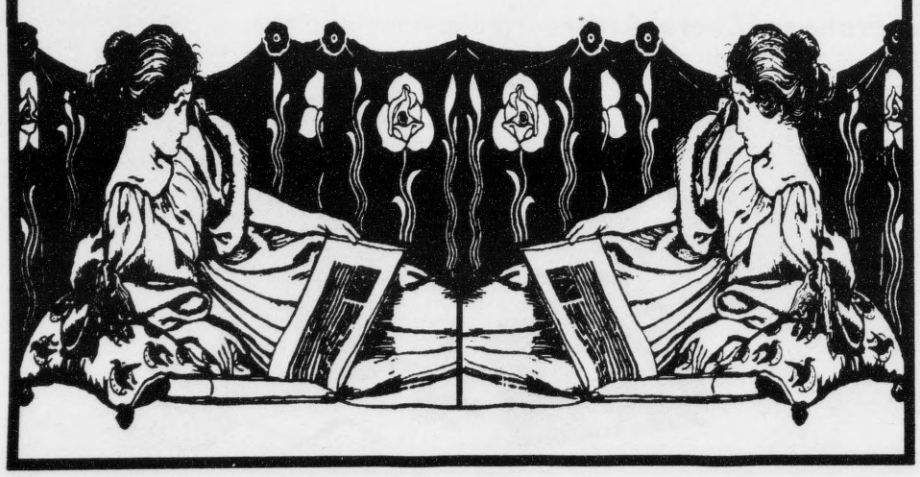

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Meanwhile the comic strip villains concoct their heinous plan for collecting Warbucks' reward. Enter Rooster, Miss Hannigan's brother, and his tarty friend Lily. Rooster is given a bigger-than-life interpretation by former San Francisco cabaret star Jae Ross (since relocated to L.A.). A superb dancer, singer and comedian, Ross is delightful as the sly, grinning, evil-plotting con artist who bumps and grinds his way through the show-stopping "Easy Street" with co-conspirators Lily and Hannigan. (This is Ross' fifth production as Rooster.)

The Strouse/Charnin score is a throwback to old-time Broadway razzmatazz and the large cast performs it with abandoned fervor. (From the fifth row, however, those tattered orphans sounded like screeching banshees. Perhaps sound designer Tim Burleigh might consider adding a touch of bass when they're exercising their lungs.)

Ken Holamon and Dwight McBride's sets shift from Hooverville shacks to bustling Broadway to opulent Fifth Avenue. In her two-minute walk-on bit as "Star-to-be" I was most impressed with Cynthia Harline. And while it may be Annie's show, I'm putting my money on Joe Vincent as Warbucks. He's performed with Berkeley Rep, California Shakespeare, TheatreWorks and San Jose Rep. One doesn't hear a male voice of this caliber very often. Wouldn't some local company like to build a show around his talent? *Most Happy Fella?* Even *South Pacific?*

Sam Viverito choreographed and directed. Cathleen Edwards' costumes evolved from rags to riches, and Pamela Gray Bones designed the lighting. Craig Bohmler conducted.

Annie plays at the San Jose Civic Light Opera through March 21. Call (408) 998-BASS.

Elizabeth Pena & Vilma Silva in "Antigone."
Photo by Larry Merkle

Antigone

Carey Perloff has chosen to add a layer of theatrical subtext to her production of Sophocles' *Antigone* by creating a setting of random destruction remarkably similar to photographs of the Geary Theatre's orchestra and stage following 1989's earthquake. A twisted bank of fallen lights, a row of seats hanging from the balcony, broken Ionic columns, and a gaping hole in the back wall are the ruins of a Grecian civil war where Antigone (Elizabeth Pena) will pit her will against that of Thebes' new ruler, Kreon (Ken Ruta).

Translated and adapted by Timerlake Wertenbaker, this *Antigone* provides the actors with contemporary, bare-boned dialogue that is lyrical without the forced poetic rhythms of textbook translations.

Antigone's brothers, Eteocles and Polyneikes, fighting on opposite sides of war, have killed each other. Kreon, uncle to Antigone, has decreed that the treasonous Polyneikes may not receive a proper burial and that anyone defying his order will be put to death.

Antigone and her sister Ismene (Vilma Silfa) discover each other in flickering candlelight and Antigone confesses her ploy for defying the state's edict and serving a higher morality as proclaimed by the gods. Ismene fails to dissuade her sister and the classic conflict between man-made law and traditional religious custom is set in motion, a moral agony to be shared equally by Antigone and Kreon.

Advised that his niece has been apprehended covering the body with dirt, Kreon risks civil disorder if he fails to act. Despite the pleas of his son, Haimon (Wendell Pierce), who is Antigone's betrothed, and the warnings of the prophet Teiresias (Steven Anthony Jones), Kreon condemns his niece to be walled up alive.

Ruta's Kreon is a tower of blind righteousness, impressive of stature and voice, but lacking, even in the early scenes, a hint of familial compassion. Pushing headlong into collision with an equally justified adversary, he is adamant that his allegiance is not negotiable. Antigone's own path is just as direct. "They have uncovered my brother's body. I must go and bury him... One must do what one can."

Pena's Antigone is unfortunately no match for Ruta's Kreon. Lacking in vocal command, one might believe she is simply driven by adolescent obstinacy. Where there should be an unquenchable conviction there is instead a moody suggestion of youthful petulance. By playing the "weak sister" victim, she relinquishes her claim for our empathy.

Mo-Fracaswell Hyman as the guard made a particularly telling impression in his brief scene.

Sophocles' chorus has been converted by Perloff —in keeping with her "stage" concept— into a trio of dusty, rumpled vaudevillians who sing-song their comments on the action and use their canes for percussive punctuation. Joy Carlin, Ken Grantham and Gerald Hiken perform their choral duties with crotchety dispassion. Like three blind Fates they deliver Wertenbaker's final summation of Kreon's fall from grace: "Those who puffed themselves up with great words have been dealt great blows. In old age they have learned judgment." Earlier the chorus has warned us, "No one can escape the awesome pain of their own fate." And no one does.

David Lang's four-saxophone score was not so much effective at underscoring as it was disconcertingly intrusive.

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An Interview with Michelle Linfante

by Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien

Michelle Linfante is an actor, playwright and director whose prodigious credits include work with Lilith, Brava! and the San Francisco Mime Troupe. She's also a writing and acting teacher with a profound influence on many Bay Area artists. Her classes and plays form a sacred circle in which an intimacy with self and others, the creativity of artistic expression and a common language of community mysteriously, magically flourish in a Peralandra, full of wondrous happenings.

Her play *Pizza* is a "spicy love story about a mother and daughter who work, fight, joke and sing in the family's New Jersey pizzeria." *SF Bay Times* talked to her recently to discuss her creativity and the revival of the play.

(SF Bay Times) What was the process of writing Pizza*?*

In the early 1980s, the women's theater group called Lilith—made up of Marga Gomez, Joan Menkin, Vicki Lewis and myself—decided to make a play about family. At the same time I was getting heavy messages from my family; things weren't good. They hadn't been for a long time, but they were deteriorating. My mother had Parkinson's disease; she was taking medicine and it wasn't working anymore. My father, who was

Michelle Linfante's "Pizza": Visions of her mother coming back in dreams. Jan E. Watson

in his late 70s and retired, wasn't doing much better. Playwright Terry Baum said, "I think that's your play." Walking home that day, I felt the conception in my belly.

I went to the company and we started working on it. The first scene was an invocation where I was talking to my mother, sitting in a chair, asking her what it was like, invoking the memories. Eventually I wrote the first scene in the pizzeria. The play is about my circumstance at that time, which they always tell you not to do: Don't write about what's happening to you now. I've never known how to do anything but write about what's happening to me at the moment. While I was writing it, I thought, "Something's gonna come and strike me dead." Not only because I was writing about my own life, but how do you write about your own mother? Who am I to say what my mother was like?

In the '70s there were a lot of feminist theater companies. Why was there so much feminist theater; why has that changed?

We were part of the women's movement, which was flowering. The feminist arts were part of a time that was a zeitgeist. Theater comes from its audience and the spirit of the time. People were very receptive; there was a big need. Of course there still is. The economics of the time made things affordable, possible, connected. We lived, rehearsed for next to nothing. We were able to do our art.

Part of the reason that things shifted is that the times shifted. Feminism went through changes. It was very much of a group time. Then a lot of us needed to do things singly or alone. This is definitely the time of the solo artist in theater. It's about learning something about yourself.

What's the good of theater?

Theater is a healing and sacred craft, and it entertains. It's one of the ultimate ways of bringing people together—both to create theater, and to come and see it. You have a common experience rooted in spirit and the sacred. It doesn't have to be serious, but it should be sacred, which means something is getting revealed, transformed.

How does your cultural background inform your work?

I teach workshops for Italian Americans and for people who specifically want to explore their cultural background. Our work comes from our culture one way or another. I feel the loss of my culture, mine being the Italian-American culture. It informs my work in the way that I search for my background; certainly it's layered all through *Pizza*. It informs my work as the mystery I keep looking for, the wound I keep trying to heal. The loss of, the desire for my culture—which also includes my hippie culture, feminist culture, the culture that we're becoming; the future culture that we're creating—that mystery and yearning. Art comes from a yearning.

It seems to be difficult in this country to be an artist, and make money at the same time. What's that about?

A book I quote is *The Gift*. Art exists in two economies: the gift economy and the market economy. The only thing needed to be a work of art is that it be of the gift economy. We speak of art as a gift, it's something that comes through you that's really not yours. Your art can exist whether or not it's commercial.

It was so refreshing for us in Lilith to go to Canada and Europe to see exciting, international, progressive theater being done, to go to big theaters in Vienna and have people call us artists. These festivals brought us to Europe; we made very good money. There definitely was much more of a consciousness of the arts. That's something that's always been a problem here.

Why is it more difficult to be an artist in the U.S.?

This is the cradle of capitalism. There's Hollywood, the ultimate place where there's lots of money to be made.

The arts are needed more than ever. We just have to carve out the ways; we can't go with our tails between our legs and say there's no room anymore. One of my friends says art is a dirty business but somebody's gotta do it. Just about everybody's gotta be doing it; the arts and the sacred is what we all need.

There's so much work to be done. It's so vital; it has its own spirit and energy. You have to give it its own room. In art you're bringing forth what needs to get done and said in a generation, for you personally, whatever your form is, and in a group. When you're being an artist, you're a channel for what's needing to get said. If you're making things fit into a mold or working commercially, before long the thing isn't gonna have its substance. You really need the room and space to create art.

Do you consider yourself to be successful?

It depends on the day you ask me; if you catch me after my morning bike ride, my little personal meditation, my 50 pats on my back. Sometimes I don't but for the most part I do, especially as somebody who's been dealing with disease, who's been through a lot; survival is success. And then I have a reasonably joyful life, work I really enjoy. Oh, I'm always muttering that I should be doing more of my own writing and less directing but I'm blessed with my work and hope I can keep being able to do it.

What's the work of a director?

I'd like to say the shaman, but everybody's the shaman—the actors, certainly the writer—it's collective shamanism. The director is the cook in the center, or the alchemist, who's making it all happen, and creating an event. I make sure that what gets done, the way the material is presented, is what most wants to come through. It's not unlike a painting or any other art work where you can pull up the essence; see that all the right colors, flavors, tones are there to make it a magical experience.

Some people go to college to learn to write. How does one learn these crafts?

It's different for everybody. Certainly the best way to learn is by doing in a community, whether someone goes to college, or writes on their own and seeks community. All art is a dialogue. That's why I like working in a circle; you write together with people and without having to say a lot, you realize what's good, what works, resonates. You listen for, hear it.

What happens if someone ignores the call to be an artist?

It can be really destructive. What's within you can save you or destroy you. The movement in health is a reminder that health and disease are about what's going on in a person, their whole being. What's the message that disease is giving us as a culture, planet, individuals? The more we start looking at that, the ways that *dis-ease* and dysfunction manifest in us, the more we see the need to embrace art or whatever it is in us that's supposed to come through.

What's it feel like to have Pizza *being played?*

It's basically a really nice feeling: in a peripheral way, to be part of a company again; to go to rehearsals, give notes, see it come to life again. Different versions of my mother are coming back in my dreams. Some part of me is available to the subconscious message of the play in spite of my familiarity with it. A play exists as a medium for other people to have fun and bring their creativity to it. That's a wonderful feeling. It's happening right on main street in my town. The children come. When the pinball showed up, everybody got really excited.

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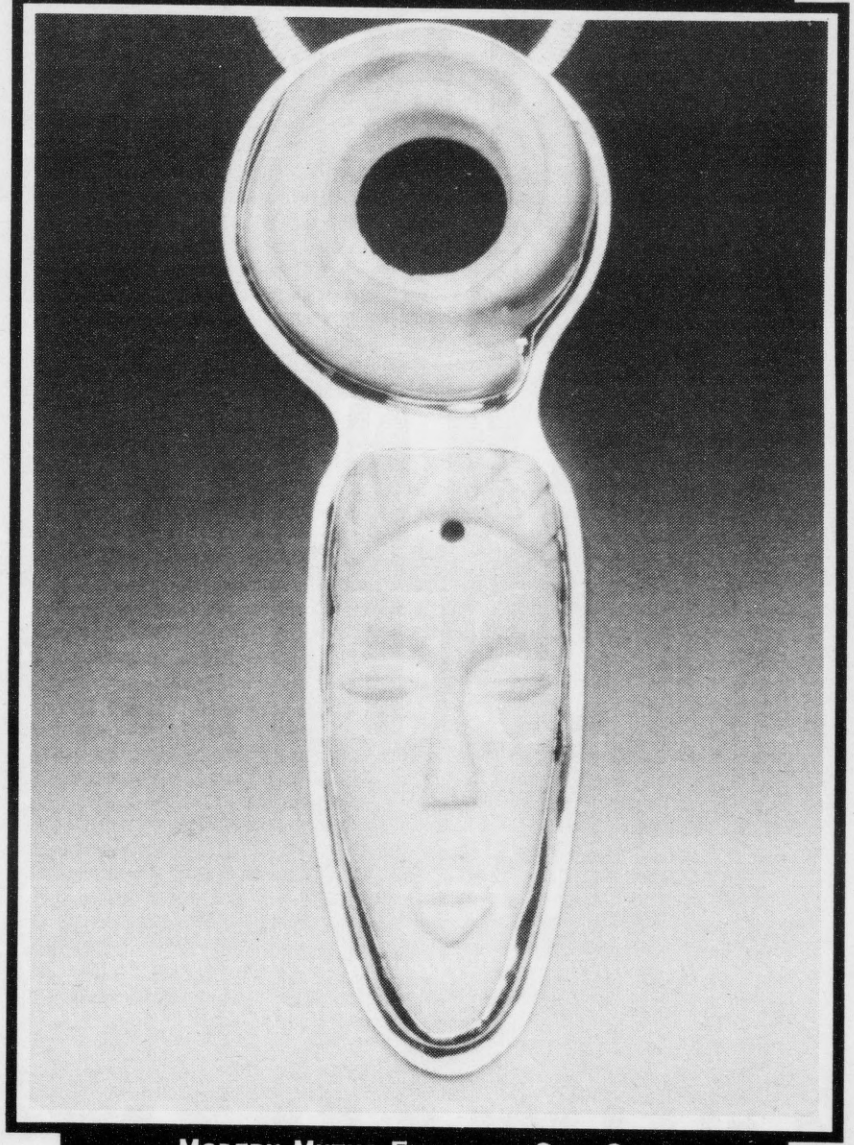

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BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Sumptuous Offerings at Dim Sum Palace

Four of us headed for a dim sum lunch at **New Asia** last week, only to find that Gov. Wilson had pre-empted the restaurant for an official celebration of Chinese New Year. No wonder this locale was slated for the gub'nah's luncheon; it's reputedly the finest, most popular dim sum palace.

Open about ten years, New Asia is truly a palace, with an impressive, modern front of gold and white mosaic, a cavernous main room complete with large glass chandeliers (maximum room capacity: 1,000) and a mezzanine dining area overlooking the whole. The foyer includes a host stand; as tables become available the host shouts over a microphone for the waiting party. Off to one side is a take-out section which sells just the sweet dim sum, the Chinese pastries.

Dim sum is a traditional, family thing. Saturdays bring in the biggest crowds, with several generations seated around a large, round table sharing stories, food and each other. There's an unwritten rule that, as chef Rhoda Yee once told me, "You can stay as long as you like at dim sum. You can sit and read the paper for hours and no one will bother you."

I was seated at a large table shared by two other white, apparently gay, couples. At first each group was isolated in its ordering and conversation; after 15 minutes anyone would have thought we had arrived together. The fun began: Carts wheeled through the dining area, each filled with a variety of salted, sweet or special dim sum. The cart pushers stop at each table, announce what's on their carts, and either serve a portion and mark your bill, or move on. Depending upon your hunger, you can quickly have your table filled and be done, or you can linger on for hours, only selecting your very favorite dishes as they arrive.

Both **Salted and Sweet Dim Sum,** at $1.80 per plate, usually include three of whatever the item is. Crispy fried moons stuffed with shrimp, wood ear mushrooms and diced vegetables were somewhat greasy, but delicious. I loved the flattened round **Fish Cakes** with scallions and strings of seaweed—what an aromatic, salty taste! An array of dim sum come in sweetened, doughey buns, among them a sweet lotus seed bun filled with mashed egg yolk and a steamed **Barbeque Pork Bun,** a substantial version with rich stewed pork.

The cart pusher's personality comes across as she cuts through your dim sum with scissors, making six pieces out of three, or as you inquire about a dumpling's filling. Some speak English, others don't, but the international sign for yummy or yucky usually gets the point across. They'll often predict your tastes by remarking that a certain dish, say Fish Ball with Pork Stomach, is more apt to please the Chinese than yourself. Appreciated.

In one day I tasted 18 distinct dishes. I tried the crispy **Taro Turnover,** a zesty fried dumpling with a starchy filling redolent of star anise and mushrooms; the delicate **Turnip Pudding,** a gooey fried custard not to my liking; a fishy-tasting, not fresh-steamed **Fish Ball**; and a horrid dish of **Stir-fried Squid,** tender but crunchy and tasting of an old fish market. I tasted better-known dishes, too, like **Su Mei,** steamed pork balls with a flour won ton-like wrapper; **Har Gor,** "shrimp bonnet," a chunk of prawn steamed in a rice dough dumpling; and tiny **Spare Ribs,** salty and extremely tender. Disappointed by the squishy pot stickers, I turned to a **Fried Roll of Pork, Mushrooms and Vegetables,** served with a dish of Worcestershire sauce, of all things. Greasy, and oddly squishy. Uh-oh. I was falling into a downward spiral of tastes. I needed resuscitation, but there was none.

I brought myself to sampling the **Fish Ball with Fried Pork Stomach**, where deliciously simple fish balls were tossed with strips of oddly textured tripe. Another steamed **Meat and Fish Dumpling** included mushrooms and fresh English peas. New favorites became the **Broccoli Rabe,** a heaping plate of the Chinese vegetable slightly stir-fried and sauced with soy; **Chok,** a watery rice porridge spooned into a dish at the table and topped with scallions and fried pork skin; and the steamed **Tamale** of sweet, sticky rice and chicken. It was with these last two, the chok and the tamale, that I begged the cart pushers to only leave one, not three on the table—I'd gladly pay for three but please only set down one! They would not hear of giving me only a taste, and I was reminded of my Jewish grandmothers.

DIM SUM...AND THEN SOME

The food at New Asia is an experience, perhaps more so than at other dim sum houses because of its size and popularity. Next time I might prefer a trip to **Canton Tea House and Restaurant** (1108 Stockton St.), where last time we were the only Caucasians (a good sign) and service was speedy. Without delay, we were pointed upstairs, seated and, within seconds, served our first dim sum. Dishes here seemed more handmade, more carefully seasoned and served than at New Asia. Granted, the decor is less than elaborate, but pleasant and certainly tidy. An average-sized lunch for four totaled $21 and change.

Among the fare: a fried rice noodle, wonderful with the hoisin and plum sauces offered; deep-fried shrimp, battered lightly and grease-free, also great with the vermillion sweet-and-sour sauce; sweet sesame balls filled with a sweetened bean paste; terrific *su mi*, those mushroomy pork bundles; and eggplant and green pepper shrimp toasts sent directly from heaven.

A fancier, more expensive dim sum luncheon at **Hong Kong Flower Lounge,** 5322 Geary, proved delightful. A charming decor, complete with the requisite tanks of live lobsters, crab and fish, little private dining rooms curtained off from the main rooms, and a rear courtyard area drenched in sunlight, provide the backdrop for some terrific food, Hong Kong style. Among the highlights: Shrimp-Stuffed Scallops in Black Bean Sauce, an extra-tender Calamari with Spicy Salt, and the fabulous House Pan Fried Noodles, which included bits of pork, tripe, calamari, shrimp, scallops and chicken over a bed of crunchy-sweet slippery noodles in a light sauce. Less experienced chopstick users may find that the food here slips right through. Concentration is the key. It's not the same dim sum thing as the other two spots I've mentioned; no carts here, but rather the diner fills out a card listing the possible selections and verbally orders specials and drinks. ✿

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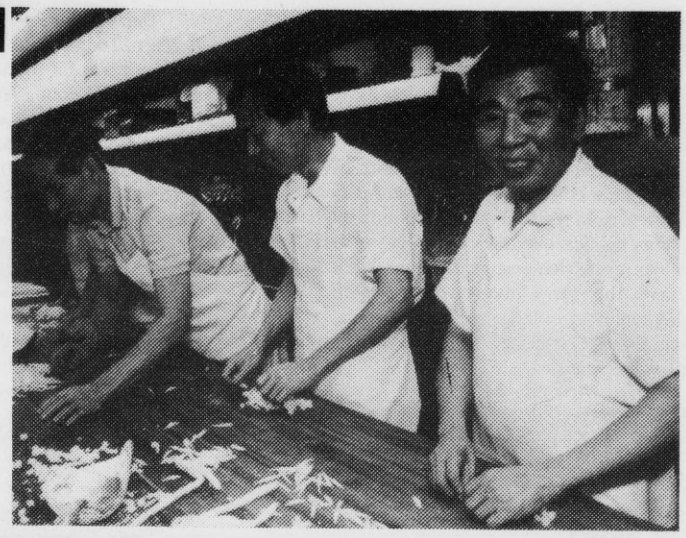

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CORRECTION

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film

The Asian American International Film Showcase

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

For eight days and nights, a festival dedicated to the work of Asian Pacific American film artists will be featured at the Kabuki Theatre from March 11-18. This year's festival is the most ambitious ever, covering new feature films, videos, documentaries, animation and shorts. A large number of the offerings highlight gay films and filmmakers.

Perhaps the oddest work in the festival is the over-the-top feature film *Glamazon: A Different Kind of Girl*, slated for late-night viewing. It's a docu-fiction film about Barbara LeMay, a white cracker sixty-something transsexual hoochie-koochie dancer. *Glamazon* was directed by Rico Martinez, a Chinese-Filipino/ Mexican-American from San Diego. As a filmmaker, Martinez says he's striving to make films in the "classic" mode, somewhere between *Valley of the Dolls*, *Saturday Night Fever* and *Scorpio Rising*. The film definitely rates "weird" for its off-the-scale post-camp campiness. The protagonist, Barbara LeMay, takes herself absolutely seriously as a star, as a dancer and as a kind of Ruby Keeler of the ex-circus freak burlesque circuit. Martinez treats his subject with affection and a reverence for her heroic attempt to redefine her own life in her own audacious terms.

The film opens with the aged star shaking her jelly on stage, recreating the signature performance which thrust her into the limelight. Through filmic re-enactments of key episodes in her career, archival footage, fictional tableaux and LeMay's motormouth narration, we move through the demimonde of circus performers, strip joints, girlie shows, gangsters, murders, rape and high life amidst the low life. Contrasted with the glitz and unrestrained cheesiness of her on-the-road lifestyle are Barbara LeMay's severely understated backwater West Virginia hometown roots.

Rico Martinez's "Glamazon: A Different Kind of Girl."

Barbara LeMay started off as Sammy Hoover. He was engaged to be married at the age of 14. With the film crew in tow, we head back with Barbara LeMay to the world which the androgynous teenage boy, Sammy Hoover, left behind. Surprising her friends and relatives, LeMay effortlessly picks up where she had left off. In candid conversations with some very down-home people, Barbara LeMay shines as the small town star who made it to the big time. With outrageous normalcy, she fits up her old female friends with sequined gowns and platinum wigs, making them over completely into Felliniesque glamour queens. Her reunions are dress-up parties and her family chat includes advice to her niece on how to be a good stripper.

What is most thoroughly amazing is the degree of acceptance and nonjudgmental affection proffered by these people toward one of their own who had never been anything at all like them. Sammy Hoover was treated as different but not inferior. Barbara LeMay, through her rise to "fame," never burned her bridges. She kept in touch for four decades through letters, publicity photos and gifts. Even though the word on Sammy was that God had made him different from other people, his friends and especially his mom and stepfather had never rejected him. Sammy left home at the age of 16 to find his place in the world, starting with a gig at the traveling carnival as a circus tent freak: a "homorphodite." He came back nearly 50 years later as an aging transsexual Hollywood starlet.

GENDER AND ITS MULTIPLES

In an entirely different vein, the Asian American International Film Showcase explores the concept of gender and/or homosexuality in two separate programs. Through a varied selection of 11 short experimental videos, under the heading "Gender and Its Multiples" (March 14) we are treated to films like *Fly That Friendly Sky* which is a humorous take off on drag queen flight attendants doing pre-flight safe sex demonstrations. Instead of coffee, tea and soda, the Flying Buttresses wheel dildoes and condoms down the aisles as they attend to the needs of their horny passengers. *Song of the Goddess* is another selection in the program which serves as a lyrical postmodern tribute to the famous Cantonese opera duo, Yom Kin-Fai and Pak Su-Sin, who always played opposite each other as lovers, with Yom in male drag. The film moves into their personal lesbian relationship with one woman caressing and bathing the other, juxtaposed with clips of their onstage personae. Another experimental video, Azian Nurudin's *Wicked Radiance*, paints an abstract moving picture using contrasts of light and dark in its flickering portrayal of lesbian S/M desire.

On March 15, three interesting half-hour videos are being presented, all of which deal with queer subject matter in narrative, documentary style. *Fated to Be Queer* is Pablo Bautista's study of the Filipino-American gay community as seen through the eyes of four articulate young men who open up on issues of racism, the sexual politics of rice queens, potato queens and potstickers, and who speak of Asian stereotyping from the gay white male community. All four men had known they were queer by the age of 8. Their families seemed to accept them without a fuss. As one of them says, coming out is really an American experience. In the Philippines, coming out has no major political overtones. Being gay in the Philippines means that you are different, but it doesn't have the same negative connotations or homophobic violence attached to it like being a fag does in America. As one of them explains, first he identifies as Filipino, then as a result of being in America he's gained a racial consciousness and has become person-of-color identified. Gay identity becomes politicized as a fight for social rights.

TOC STOREE

Filmmaker Ming-Yuen Ma brings his literary video *Toc Storee* to the screen as an exploration of gay storytelling, and multilevel narrative itself. The stories address issues of sexuality, identity, tradition, and personal recollection, all within an Asian gay context. Every word and gesture, says the narrator, involves the past, present and future simultaneously. Each individual's story is both older and younger than the individual. In the end, we are free to reconstruct old stories to have new meanings for our present mythologies. Jack, from Hong Kong, tells us how he came out in Boston and got hooked up with Queer Nation. His story is paralleled by footage of the Asian Pacific Lesbian contingent marching down Market Street in San Francisco. His story segues into the ancient myth of the Emperor Boy who had a male lover. Ming-Yuen Ma shows us two different versions of the Emperor Boy story and concludes that the resolution of the story must happen within us. We are free, he says, to see the tale as one depicting extraordinary devotion or as a scenario of abandonment. We are free to create our own endings for ourselves. Speech, language, and desire are as intertwined and mutable as individuals united in sexual embrace.

Ming-Yuen S. Ma's "Toc Storee." Photo by Tran T. Kim-Trang

WOMEN OF GOLD

Women of Gold by Eileen Lee and Marilyn Abbink, is an engaging celebration of Asian Pacific American lesbians who played in the 1990 Gay Games. Competing in track, tennis, dance and physique, we get the back stage scoop on eight women, their lovers, their training and the struggles they went through to overcome traditional family barriers to their success as athletes and as out lesbians. Kitty Tsui, writer and bodybuilder, tells us of how important it is for Asian lesbians to feel and be seen as athletic, strong, and vocal. Growing up in a traditionally oriented Chinese family, she says she was brought up to be shy. She had a whole heritage to overcome, a heritage which stressed that girls were, at best, second-class citizens. Bodybuilding allowed her to take back her power and to show society at large that the gay community is not just a fraternity of gay white men.

Tennis player Abi Jeung says that sports have always been her passion, but that she only came out publicly with her participation in Gay Games II. She had come to the realization of just how important it was for her to be a role model for all the struggling young Asian lesbian athletes. Ana Chang believes that showing Asians as athletes helps dispel the stereotype of Asians as unsensual academic types or as compulsive money-makers. On the overall level, Canyon Sam sees the Gay Games as important in showing the world that plenty of top athletes are gay and lesbian, and that the subtext reads: gay people do healthy things. She speaks about the history of the Games from its 1982 inception and its debt to former Olympic athlete Dr. Tom Waddell. She also speaks about the backlash and lawsuit which dragged on for years over the original naming of the event: the Gay Olympics.

Onscreen shots from the Gay Games themselves are great to watch and it's a spine-tingling experience to see the gigantic rainbow flag with the huge placard "Gay America Loves You" being carried through the stadium. Flags from foreign countries wave over the athletes, and a very festive and happy audience beams in the sunshine.

"Women of Gold," Asian-Pacific lesbians in the 1990 Gay Games.

OTHER TOPICS

Of course, gay subject matter is not the only subject matter covered by this year's Asian American International Film Showcase. There are many other excellent films and videos covering topics as diverse as miscegenation, cross-cultural assimilation, street violence and racism, the search for Asian identity in American culture, Japanese-American internment camp experiences, leprosy and banishment in Hawaii from 1865-1969, and Indian-American communities here and abroad.

A recently released video *Sa-i-gu*, is a particularly timely and candid study of Korean women caught in the epicenter of the L.A. race riots. The footage brings everything back to life, but this time giving voice to the grocers and merchants who sustained over half the material losses from the April 29, 1992, event. What they have to say about racism, about the failure of the LAPD and the National Guard to come into their neighborhood, about shattered dreams and aspirations, and about the biased coverage of the event by network news, brings a new slant to the facts and realities of the event which still resonates throughout America's disturbed psyche.

On a lighter note, a wonderfully entertaining video shot like a feature film premieres with Paul Kwan and Arnold Iger's *Anatomy of a Springroll*. Performance artist Paul Kwan returns to Saigon after a 20-year absence to pay homage to the land where he was raised as a Chinese in Vietnam. The film is beautifully shot, with images from contemporary Vietnam as well as dreamscapes from Kwan's imagination. Puppetry and graphic animation, along with an evocative musical score, weave a tapestry of sound, sights and emotions which waft through a sophisticated poetic narrative. The whole film is about a metaphorical journey back and forth in time, all within the context of food, glorious food, which Kwan shows us is everyone's first language. Like Proust's madeleine, Kwan's springroll triggers him into memories, thoughts and feelings. His mother's springrolls act as the matrix upon which he strings his reminiscences about his family, political changes, and life in Saigon and California.

For complete information on the festival, check the program or call NAATA at (415) 863-0814. The festival begins March 11. ✿

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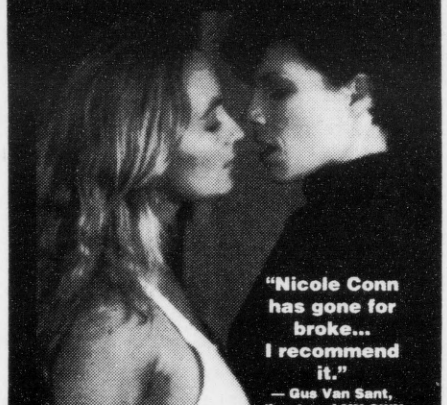

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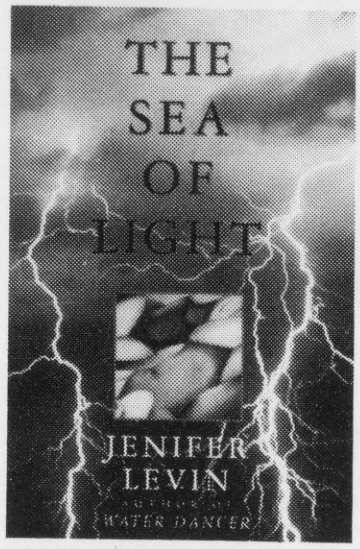
by Jenifer Levin
Dutton, $21.



Reviewed by Louise Rafkin

Sexuality plays a large role in *The Sea of Light*, but to limit its readership by defining it as a lesbian novel is to do a wide range of readers, not to mention the author, a huge disservice. As Babe tells us, "Physical people may inevitably do a wide variety of physical things. It's how they express themselves—in winning, in losing, in love." As so often happens in real life, in trying to find happiness and comfort, everybody does a little sleeping around.

Levin's most recent novel chronicles the lives of three women athletes. Each is broken, half-realized, suffering from physical and emotional wounds, and each has a specific journey to undertake in the hope of healing.

Star swimmer Babe Delgado is the sole survivor of an airplane crash in which nearly her entire college team died. As the novel opens she is merely a formless blob bobbing, bloated, salt-encrusted and near death, somewhere in the ocean. The remains of a 747 float nearby.

Coach Brenna Allen has recently lost her partner to cancer. A closeted lesbian at a western Massachusetts college, she's a sturdy, buck-up kind of gal. A tough nut, a good coach, and a very private person. The third character, Ellie Marks, is one of her swimmers. A nascent lesbian and the daughter of Holocaust survivors, she is a mediocre athlete, secretly lonely and troubled. Ellie plays the role of team mascot, hiding her troubles while outwardly being good natured and perky. The lives of these three characters connect, and through perseverance and suffering, each helps the others to heal and move past loss into what is clearly, by the end of the book, some sort of redemption. Throughout Levin explores issues of coming out, both to oneself and the larger world of teammates, parents, even lovers and friends.

But *The Sea of Light* is much more than a feel-good lesbian novel. Written as a series of chapters narrated by a host of characters, the novel presents a complex weaving of issues, not the least of which is an examination of the classic American dream. The facts are pieced together slowly and carefully; like a huge jigsaw puzzle, the big picture is not fully revealed until all the pieces are in place. Ellie's tattooed parents live in the shadow of the Holocaust, afraid of the past and not quite in the present. There are silences where Ellie should have had siblings. But Ellie knows how to live with survivors.

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Babe's father is Cuban, her mother an upper-class WASP. Through various narratives, we see how wealth and assimilation have soured rather than sweetened the melting pot. Raised as the saving grace of her outwardly successful family, after the plane crash, Babe, physically scarred and emotionally wrecked, is no longer the golden girl of the Delgado family. Levin's rendering of tricky family dynamics is always on the mark; a mother/daughter fight is written with frightening accuracy and Babe's angry younger brother is a wonderful fuck-you kind of hero who surfaces occasionally with bitingly comic insight into the family's fragile configuration.

A chapter written from the viewpoint of Babe's Black Cuban aunt gives a tinge of surrealism to the book, but it also sits at the heart of the story. Tia Corazon, *la bruja*, a witch, provides the background to the Delgado immigration in addition to giving Babe a part of her heritage, which will help her regain her power after Angelita's devastation. (*Angelita* is the name given the storm

Author Jenifer Levin. Photo by David Franck

that took down the plane carrying Babe's swim team and coach.) It is through Tia's voice that another dark secret is revealed, giving more cause to Babe's suffering. After a somewhat shocking disclosure Tia tells Babe, "Be glad that you were broken, I say. In your body, and your heart. Be not happy, but glad. Which means accepting."

Enmeshed in the world of swimming, the book is also about competition, drive and the crazy lives of committed athletes: "Everything centers around the sport. You sleep for it, eat for it, drink nutritional supplements for it, lift weights for it, diet for it, go to special psychologists for it, monitor your blood with doctors for it, take all kinds of vitamins for it, leave aside a normal life for it..."

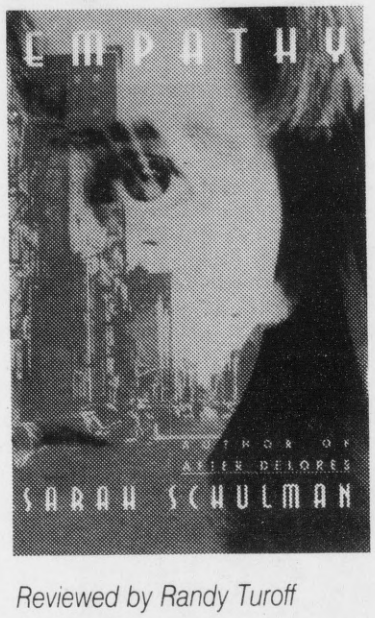
Levin explores the psychology of sport from every angle, from that of the coach and that of the swimmers, both the talented and not so gifted. Her vivid, original and compelling prose brings to life the endless workouts, sore shoulders, loneliness and stress of the life in the aquamarine lanes. But she also describes the pay-off: "Then—for a moment, a glimmer—the second workout of the day, on the third Friday, I do it, and I feel it: power of the sweep and pull, undulation, power of the kicking thrust, undulation, the breath, the prayer, the dolphin animal surfing waves, thrust on by the force of its motion so that it does not stop—and for that moment, that glimmer, I have it back again, and I know it."

Athletes will have a blast with this book. Levin knows her subject and goes into full bore: "Improving athletic skill is a nice ego booster. But it does not necessarily mean the rest of your life will improve. Although you may walk out of practice thinking that, at the time."

Levin also explores the delicate job of coaching. Part guru, part devil, we are shown both the dark and light sides of the role. We get to see just what goes into pushing an athlete to do her best. Brenna Allen weaves together skill, wisdom and luck to produce a winning team. But Levin also shows the underside of coaching, the blind faith and terror that some coaches expect and instill in their brood. Babe's previous coach, the best in the country, presents an interesting counterpoint to Allen's role as compassionate yet aloof leader. Obviously Levin has mixed feelings and experiences about the subject and the novel examines the contradictions and complications of the whole scene.

Even at the end of *The Sea of Light*, Levin continues to amaze, loose ends are tied in quite unsuspecting ways and it's almost as if the end is once again a beginning. To say more would be to give away too many surprises. *The Sea of Light* is as well-crafted as it is compelling. Expect the unexpected and be prepared to stay up for some late-night page turning.

Empathy
by Sarah Schulman
E.P. Dutton, 1992, $18



Reviewed by Randy Turoff

With her new book, *Empathy*, Sarah Schulman has come into her own as a novelist. Following *People in Trouble (1990)*, *After Delores* (1988), *Girls, Visions and Everything* (1986), and the first novel, *The Sophie Horowitz Story* (1984), *Empathy* is her best book yet. It's a metaphysical novel full of epiphanies about the human condition: about relationships, about oneself in relation to others, about the struggle to construct meaningful ways to live and deal with a world which is on the verge of social and economic collapse. The old paradigms of Marxism, psychoanalysis, capitalism and religion no longer offer airtight certainties for the postmodern mind tossed about in the tumultuous flux of world events and chaotic realities. Sarah Schulman says that in *Empathy*, she's "trying to imagine a way of being a human being."

Empathy, as a concept, is the key to establishing meaning in one's life through understanding oneself and others. As a method, empathy is the approach Schulman utilizes in her novel to explore the mental and behavioral processes of her characters, who are seen in their total interconnectedness to each other. In fact, the two main characters, Anna O. and her bizarre therapist Doc, are really the same person in the guise of female and male counterpart personas who are involved in the mirror dance of transference and countertransference. The narrator has complete access to the minds of her characters, and in actuality, the thoughts of the narrator are just another overlay on the thoughts of her characters. *Empathy* is about intimacy and the struggle to be open to love in oneself and in others.

Anna O., lifted as a multivalent symbol from Freud's classic study, "A Case of Homosexuality in a Woman," is also the name of the marginalized 31-year-old lesbian protagonist in *Empathy*. She lives in the bowels of New York City, caught in the midst of urban decay. Her milieu is populated by junkies on the nod, homeless street people, victims and perpetrators of violence. The atmosphere is generally one of hopelessness born of poverty combined with downward mobility. In her own life, she struggles to remain open, despite the benumbing effects of cruelty, indifference, the constant reminders of death and the loss of friends to AIDS. Luckily, Sarah Schulman has a sharp sense of humor as well as a faith in love, which cuts through the angst and elevates the content of the book to a more transcendent level, where things can still seem absurdly manageable, even funny, and full of intriguing possibilities.

Anna is a woman on a path of transformation. We follow her painful and enlightening process all the way through to a strange and fulfilling conclusion.

As in *People in Trouble*, the lesbian protagonist suffers from an internalized homophobia. She plays out her problem by compounding it; by fall-

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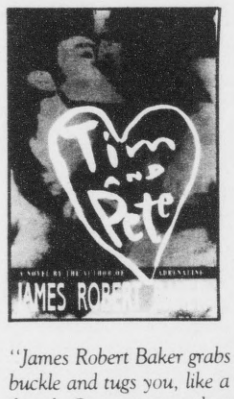

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ing for confused femmes with boyfriends. She's attracted to having affairs with women who have sex with her but continue to deny their own homosexuality. Suffering from too much empathy-as-overidentification, her girlfriends' problems with their sexual identities become her problem. She succumbs to their most negative projections (''you're narrow because you're gay, but I'm universal because I'm not'') and then punishes herself by carrying the torch of her oppressor, and burning herself in the process.

As Schulman's protagonist painfully discovers, empathy as an attachment, as a denial of self, can only lead to manipulation and masochism. She chooses girlfriends who will only see her as a make-believe man, a dykey outcast, instead of as another woman who, like themselves, makes love to other women. The failure of perception comes from an inappropriate heterosexual model foisted upon the alternative lesbian reality. It's a refusal to see what's really going on from a woman-to-woman perspective.

Anna's problem is that she tries to adapt, like her girlfriends, to a heterosexual model, and in so doing she begins to look at herself from the outside and to play the role of a make-believe man in a woman's body. Like her 'straight' girlfriends, she gives too much credence and power to the male gender by appropriating and internalizing their definition of what it is to be female in this world.

By the end of the novel, Anna comes around and discovers for herself what it is to be female. She tells her father that she loves him as she repudiates Freud's conclusion in his male-identified study of homosexuality in women: ''Despite what Freud says, the reason I am a lesbian is not because of wanting to hurt you [or to hurt men or to hate men]. It's not about you in any way ... being a lesbian is about me.''

When Anna meets a woman who, unlike her previous affairs, understands her and is capable both of loving her and of making love to her, the identity problems fail to be problems anymore. Anna confides in her new lover Dora about how a previous lover really made her feel like one of the guys. Dora responds, ''Obviously you couldn't give her what she needed.'' Anna asks, ''What was that?'' Dora answers, ''She needed you to prove that she is heterosexual.'' Touche.

Schulman continues narrating the conversation as Anna opens up to Dora's healing. Anna confides, ''I'm good at service but bad at surrender.'' Dora says, ''Just lift your skirt over your head.'' Anna obeys, admitting that she had actually forgotten that she was a woman. ''Don't do it again,'' says Dora, ''you don't have to.''

A passage follows which wraps things up very nicely: ''It was one of those rare moments when temptation and joy were the same things. They were lucky, these two. Touching each other was right. Now Anna had everything. She was a woman again.''

Empathy is a complex novel, full of political, social and psychological insight. It is not a linear novel written as a narrative story about a character and what happens to her. It's up to the reader to pull the threads and weave her own matrix of meaning. The novel is very open-ended and hosts a number of possible interpretations. It often jumps from character to political analysis to the internal thoughts of the narrator. Schulman sometimes renders the dialogue and action in the form of a theater or film script. She even tosses in some recipes and personal ads from the newspaper. *Empathy* is the kind of book that makes more sense in retrospect. And it's even better the second time around. ✿

LAVA Awards...

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pient of the Private Creation award. Prandini, currently the artistic director of Theatre Rhinoceros, has been a primary force in the local women's and gay theater scene since the 1970s. Barbara Cameron, recipient of the Community Service Award, is honored for a career which spans the last two decades in the Native American and gay communities. Finally, Gwen Craig, winner of the Public Service Award, is being honored for her extensive contributions to the gay/lesbian and African American political communities.

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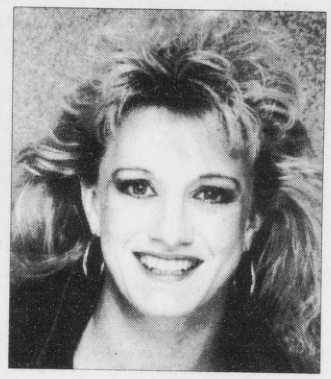

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Extraordinary People
By Paul Gervais
HarperPerennial, 1992, $10

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Diary of a dysfunctional American family. Plus one survivor. *Extraordinary People* by Paul Gervais features protagonist Sam Beeler, who narrates each of these ten tales of irony, humor and occasional melancholy. Featured are the Beeler family and their rural home. The chapters are so self-contained they read like short stories. Yet due to their chronological arrangement, consistent narrative voice and focus, *People* must be considered a novel. And a good one at that.

An old color snapshot, somewhat battered, not framed. The tone of *People* is often remorseful, almost guilty, as Sam wrestles with survivor syndrome. As portrayed so thoroughly, his parents and brother are incapable of giving or receiving love. They each live in separate spheres that bounce against those around them, sometimes harmoniously, sometimes not. Secrets are occasionally shared, occasionally exposed. Alliances form and survive, yet other barriers prove insurmountable.

To author Gervais' credit, he has captured in Sam's narrative voice an ever-maturing point of view and articulation as childhood gives way to adolescence and then to young manhood. Though at times Sam appears preachy and aloof, he looks honestly and steadily at life, wanting the best, adapting to what he gets, and striving for better. But not to Gervais' credit, only Sam tries to crack the shell around him. The story lacks the additional depths of reality, honesty and possible tragedy that could have resulted if each character's "life search" had been at least hinted at.

Sam sees his mother as a drunk with a disturbing sense of humor. And yet continually though awkwardly, he focuses on her with the fixation of a child who loves deeply: "I was seeing the moon in the tears in her eyes, and in a moment I was crying too. I was so sorry I'd abandoned her, even if I'd only really done it in my dreams, and if it hadn't been something that no one in my family ever, ever did, I might have told her that I loved her."

Brother Cliff is "different." The revelation of his homosexuality is hinted at through his fascination with movie magazines, which grows into a highly developed mimicry of glamorous female movie stars and dressing in makeshift, backwoods drag. Sam is revolted and saddened by these peculiarities, which he doesn't understand until much later in his life:

> I was heading to the bathroom when Cliff, in shrunken cotton pajamas, came prancing down the hall, swinging a small suitcase (really, it was a portable bar, a whiskey premium). Giving his shoulders one final wag, he stopped in front of me, put down the suitcase, and sat on it posing, his plump legs crossed knee over knee, the top one bouncing. "Pardon me, boys," he sang, "is this the Chattanooga choo choo..."

Dad takes quite a beating in the eyes of his sons. Never able to connect with his father, Sam surrenders resentment eventually to accept what he could never change:

> My father, like most men, was cut from flawed cloth. If he didn't love Cliff and me, he loved his brother's kids at least, and so, he *did* love. Still, those voices, the ones I'd heard that day, long ago, in Shedd Park, the voices of boys who spoke a language I'd never been taught, will always be there for me, no matter how distant and faint, if ever I let myself grow weak enough to listen.

Oddly, though Gervais paints the characters around Sam so clearly, he leaves much about Sam himself vague. It comes as quite a surprise, albeit a pleasant one, when the young man is suddenly living in Italy with his life partner... Fred. Though many early chapters deal with assorted growing pains, there is no angst of "coming out" to himself or others. Perhaps this is a blessing, since so very many other books have already focused on this troubling time.

Sam is an emotional survivor. Despite the lack of love, the strangeness of those around him and the depressing conditions of his childhood home... he escapes. And more than escape, he carves out

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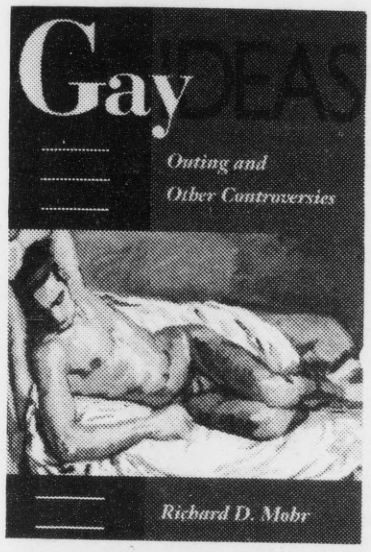
a life fitting his own high expectations. What a wonderful role model.

Details of Sam and Fred's relationship develop beautifully. No daily traumas mark their existence. They sometimes disagree, but their love survives all, including some pretty traumatic moments. Definitely one of the strongest gay relationships portrayed in literature.

Not a great book, but a damned good one. Gervais writes from the heart as well as the intellect, creating stable and loving gay characters. In these days of angst and anti-heroes, *People* is a refreshing look at healthy homosexuals and their potential lives.

Gay Ideas

by Richard D. Mohr
Beacon, 1993, $25



Reviewed by Jack Fertig

The trickster god clearly had a hand in having a book called *Gay Ideas* written by a man named "Dick Mohr." Unfortunately, the trickster god is not an idea covered in this heavily left-brained tome.

Richard Mohr presents analyses of different—ostensibly gay— ideas, all written in a language which is a bit high-falutin' for the average reader, and not too terribly accessible. The book is actually a collection of long articles, each devoted to a different topic, each of his queer notions presented with a certainty that borders on arrogance.

His first chapter, devoted to outing, presents a logical sequence of ideas as neat as a geometrical proof, leading to an almost unassailable notion that outing is necessary and virtuous; the closet is never defensible.

In theory that sounds fine. Would that life were indeed that simple. Mohr sets out some very basic truths of morality and logic in a way that illustrates how liberals can be so damnably irritating. Each of the pieces to his puzzle is absolutely correct, and he's more than confident of his correctness. His logic makes good sense.

The problem is that although he sets out certain axioms of liberal thought he overlooks one central tenet: the individual right to self-determination. Mohr supersedes this right with the good of the greater number. He states: "To lose a child in a custody case for prejudicial reasons is, to be sure, to suffer an indignity, but to insist on being closeted to protect one's parenting is simply to give effective voice to those social conditions that degrade gays in general." True enough. The queer contestant parent clearly faces hard choices. On the other hand, is it better to have children grow up in an overtly homophobic home or in one where queer parents may offer a more open view of love?

Mohr is less than insightful in his simplistic assertion that closets should be opened at any and all cost to the individual, as long as it is not done vindictively. The suggestion that we can and should out unwilling people in difficult legal straits because it serves our cause, and that we can and should do so as long as we bear no personal malice, is far too much like the "hate the sin, love the sinner" rationale of the reactionary religious.

In subsequent chapters he looks at homophobic judicial decisions as precedents for racist legal decisions. His information seems mostly valid. (Alas, I have an agreement with ACLU attorney Matt Coles. I don't make legal analyses and he doesn't read horoscopes.) But some of Mohr's information is clearly out of date: "Nor has any state supreme court knocked down its laws making gay sex illegal." I trust he wrote this before Kentucky's did exactly that. One has to wonder, what is the point? If anything, this chapter would serve a black homophobe's argument that "our" struggle only undermines "theirs." Or is the lesson that we should stick to legislative rather than judicial strategies?

One tantalizing tidbit points out that the only realm of judicial success for queers has been in the defense of student organizations, but nowhere does he examine the hows and whys of this success versus general failure. Pity. This is where we might learn something of actual value. Pfffft.

Mohr goes on to take a very critical view of the Names Project quilt (which he points out is not truly a quilt. Ah, yes, these know-it-all, morally superior liberals can be damnably irritating). His critique is largely that the quilt focuses and builds overblown political expectations (I hasten to interject that most grassroots social actions do. We should continue ever onward anyway, but with a bit of perspective) and is in many ways inefficient. I have to agree with much of his critique. Aside from the overwhelming numbers, what impact do quilt panels of Arkansans or Ithacans have in San Francisco? Are Chicagoans truly hit by the losses of San Franciscans represented in a tour of the *soi-disant* quilt? I believe that if each community kept its own quilt to remember its own dead, and if these separate pieces could be united for national events, these elements would have a greater, truer impact than the current lumped sum of the parts.

In a chapter titled " 'Knights, Young Men, Boys': Masculine Worlds and Democratic Values," Mohr uses a collage of Wagnerian opera and hypermasculine porn (by such canonical porn artists as Rex and Tom, as well as photos by Mapplethorpe and others) to illustrate—or at least to attempt to illustrate—the democratic ideals of masculine homosexualism. It's a nice try. He makes some very important and valid points, but the effort is riddled with unwitting misogyny. After holding up Wagner's *Parsifal* as a gay man's religious mystery, he presents Strauss' *Die Frau Ohne Schatten* as a heterosexist revision. Strauss' effort is clearly (well, clear to Mohr) to dehomofy *Parsifal*. Oh. According to Mohr both male and female are reduced to reproductive units in *Frau*; reproduction is destiny and vice versa. Well, yes, this is a nice point indeed, but Mohr's statement that this is equally oppressive to the sexes shows outrageous ignorance of the fact that women bear the burden of reproduction. Critiquing Strauss' homophobia, Mohr remains blind to and collusive in Strauss' misogyny.

Ironically Mohr shows elsewhere in this chapter how women's criticisms of male sexuality, however correct in intent, are often presented in a way that reads as homophobic. And here he's about half correct. His presumption is that the eroticized male and the erect penis are signifiers of homosexuality. This presumes a male audience. He shows examples of women's art, and my homo-male reading of it agrees with his. But where anyone may see an erect penis as signifying *fucker*, Mohr and I will see it as signifying both self and desire; a straight or bi woman may read it as *sexual desire* without identifying with it; and any woman may see it as signifying a threat.

I don't recommend actually buying this book, but it is worth reading if only for its provocative value. Mohr presents and explores ideas that need exploration. A critical reader may enjoy sparring mentally with Mohr's assertions, and learn a fair bit in the process. An uncritical reader will either fall into his traps or go into apoplexies of rage. For a thoughtful, challenging read I give this book one thumb up. For unwitting misogyny and academic *hauteur* I may suggest where to put it up. ✿

Naiad Turns 20

by Katherine Gleason

Naiad Press, the oldest and largest lesbian publishing company in the world, celebrated its 20th birthday in January. Founded in 1973 by Barbara Grier, Donna J. McBride, Anyda Marchant and Muriel Crawford, the press began with a $2,000 investment and has grown over the years into a $1.3 million lesbian publishing stronghold.

Naiad currently has a list of 190 titles and will issue 24 new ones, mostly from its stable of prolific and established authors, in the coming year. Naiad books are available through 30 distributors, are in at least 1,800 bookstores nationwide and have been translated into German, French, Italian, Swedish, Norwegian, Spanish, Portuguese and Japanese. Naiad authors range from Pat Califia to Ann Bannon, from Gertrude Stein to Anita Cornwell.

Although the press is faulted by some for pandering to popular taste—they print a lot of romance—popular is just what Naiad books are. Top-selling Naiad titles include the 1985 hit *Lesbian Nuns: Breaking the Silence* and Jane Rule's *Desert of the Heart*, which sold 36,000 copies in 1986 after the movie *Desert Hearts* came out.

Another Naiad title, Katherine V. Forrest's *Curious Wine*, the most popular lesbian novel of all time, has gone through seven printings and has sold 145,000 copies since its release in 1983. In April 1993, Naiad will issue a special tenth anniversary edition of *Curious Wine. Faultline*, by Sheila Ortiz Taylor, Naiad's first big hit, continues to sell despite its 1982 publication date. When Patricia Highsmith's classic *The Price of Salt* sold to Book-of-the-Month Club, they went through 8,000 copies within a month.

Diane Salvatore, a rising Naiad star, last year garnered a Lambda Literary Award nomination for her coming-of-age novel, *Benediction*, while this year both Book-of-the-Month Club (BOMC) and Quality Paperback Book Club (QPBC) will distribute her *Love, Zena Beth*.

"I think I have done better with Naiad than I would have at a mainstream house," said Salvatore in a telephone interview from her busy office at *Redbook*, where she is a senior editor. Despite mainstream houses' recent interest in gay and lesbian niche publishing, Salvatore believes that those houses do not know how to market or publicize gay and lesbian books. In addition to the BOMC and QPBC deals, Salvatore's book is being translated into six or seven languages. "I was reviewed in *Publishers Weekly*, too," Salvatore continued. "So the argument about exposure—that the mainstream gets you exposure—I don't find a compelling argument." Salvatore also noted that Naiad books stay in print. "With Naiad your name remains in front of the public. It doesn't disappear off the shelf with your book in three months."

Salvatore's *Love, Zena Beth*, now out in a Naiad paperback edition, is the third novel that Naiad has issued in hardcover. The distinction is shared by Katherine V. Forrest's two Kate Delafield mysteries, *The Beverly Malibu* and *Murder by Tradition*, both of which won Lambda Literary Awards in the lesbian mystery category. A third Delafield mystery, *Murder at the Nightwood Bar*, is currently being made into a feature film.

While Naiad's titles tend to be genre books—mysteries or romances—and may not be great literature, Grier and McBride, longtime partners in the business as well as in private life, have upheld one of Naiad's original goals—accessibility. As they put it, they want to "make sure that someday, any woman, any place, can recognize her lesbianism and be able to walk into a bookstore and pick up a book that says to her, 'Yes, you are a lesbian and you are wonderful'."

Furthermore, Grier pointed out in an early morning telephone interview from her office in Tallahassee, Fla., most women read to relax and when they do so they don't want to read at their full intellectual capacity. And, of course, not all lesbians are highly educated urbanites. According to Grier, who seems to have all her sales figures memorized, Naiad's hottest books are romances and mysteries with a strong romantic element.

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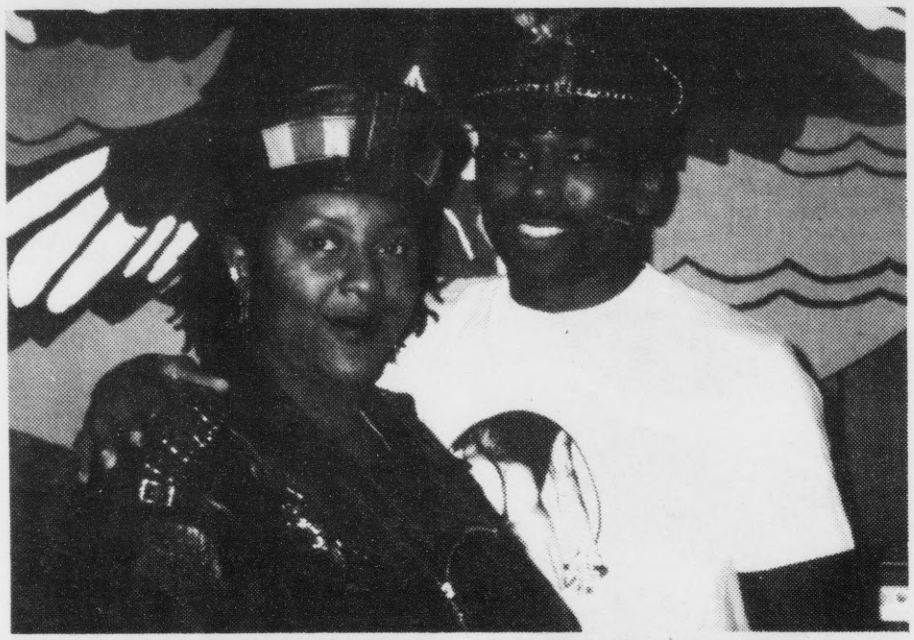

Queen Cougar (l) and Jimmy Murray at Headquarters' Spanking Party held on Feb. 24. Photo by St. Clair Adams

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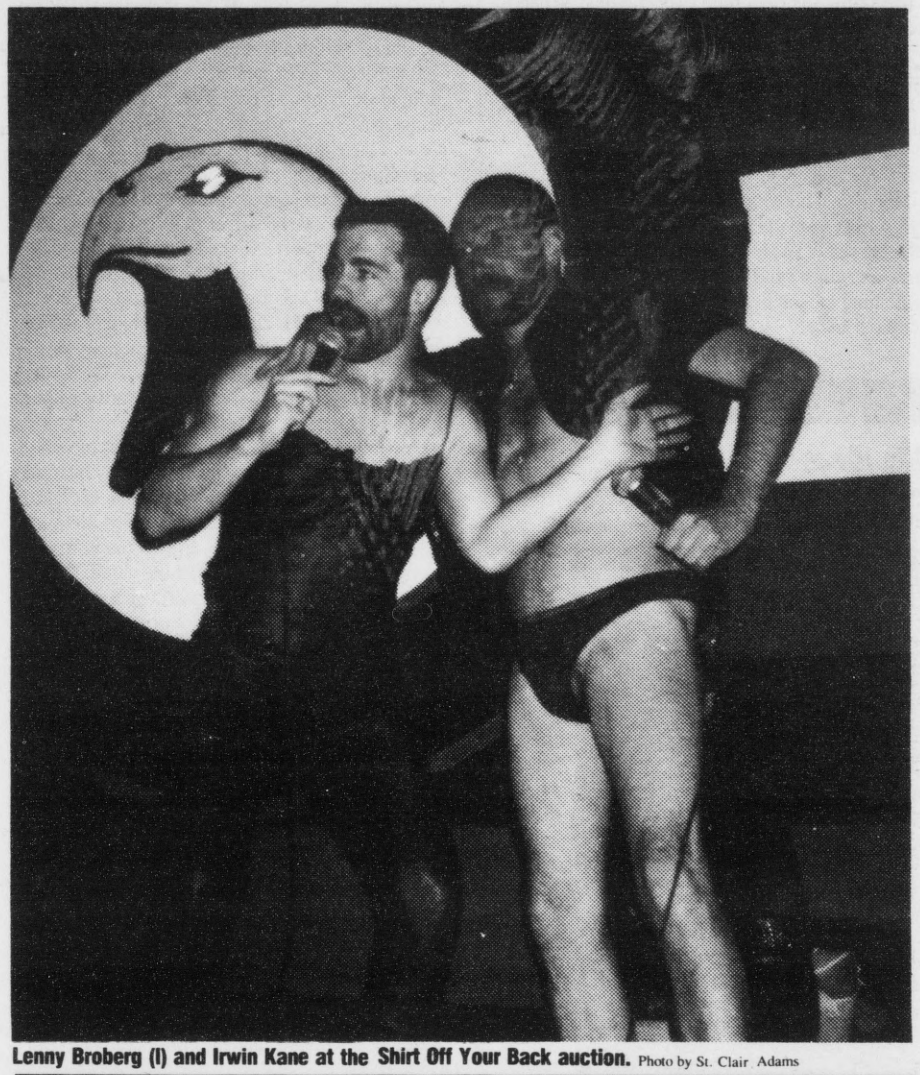


Lenny Broberg (l) and Irwin Kane at the Shirt Off Your Back auction. Photo by St. Clair Adams

Events and Contests

This column will be a little short because I am leaving for the Southland again to plan Desert Leather Fest and cover the San Diego Leather Fest. So my time is short, but I'll give you as much info as I have:

Spanking Party: Queen Cougar (Ms. HQ Leather '93 and Ms. SF Leather '93) had a very successful spanking party at the Headquarters on Feb. 24. The money raised from the bust and raffle was split between the Leather/SM Roundup and the SF Travel Fund. Queen, you are a great role model for your Black Sisters and your Leather Sisters in general. Please keep up the positive influence.

A Colorful Rainbeau: Rainbeau's "Erotic Dance Review," was a bare-bottom time. The dancers Kelly, Nova, Brad, Rainbeau and more peeled off leather, lace and satin clothing one piece at a time. The audience was quite entranced by it all. Kelly, Queen, Piggy and Nova were the participants in the "Adventuresome Fair." Money raised from the door and the fair went to IMsL. The grounds at the Edge Water West were very racy and quite inviting. Let's have another, Rainbeau.

They Did It Again! The Shirt Off Your Back Auction II started off a little slow, but became very successful halfway through. Terry Foster (Ms. Russian River Leather '93) and Donna Shrout (Ms. Nor Cal Leather '92), the hosts of the event, managed to put together two auctions in a little over a month along with the many other things they are doing. Lenny Broberg (IML '92) and Irwin Kane (Leather Daddy X), co-emcees, were auctioned off to the crowd. The crowd paid to have Lenny and Irwin dress in lingerie. Bobby Foster has told me that so far the proceeds total $750 which is being split between IMsL and AEF. Metz is chatterbox until this night. The crowd paid to have Metz bound with duct tape. She tells us she did it for charity, but I believe she really had a fantasy of being tied up and gagged.

Mr. SF Eagle Leather '93: The first heat of the Mr. SF Eagle contest was won by Patrick and Bret. There are two more semi-finals March 11 & 18; the finals take place on March 25. The winner of Mr. SF Eagle '93 will represent the bar in Mr. SF Leather '93 on April 3. See you when I get back.

Mr. Headquarters Leather '93: This was after my deadline, but I would like to extend Art Tomaszewski (Mr. HQ Leather '92) the best of wishes. Art has been an enthusiastic source of energy and has raised a lot of needed money for charity. Good job, Art, and congratulations to the new Mr. HQ '93.

San Diego Leather Fest: It is still not too late to pack it up and get your butt down to the Southland. March 14-16 will be a nonstop leather party. The estimated attendance for Leather Fest V is 450 to 500 brothers and sisters. The NLA San Diego Chapter has put together a very professional package for their weekend; I was definitely impressed. There is a large itinerary of workshops, demonstrations and parties available for all tastes. Some of the leather personalities attending will be Blair (Int'l Ms. Leather '92), Emerson Briney (Mr. Int'l Drummer '93), Brian Dawson (Mr. Drummer '89), and more. The host hotel is the Mission Valley Holiday Inn. I have been told there are still rooms available. If you would like more info on the weekend or to register, call (800) 598-1859. Hope to see you down there.

International Ms. Leather '93: The finest of women contestants will be competing for the title of International Ms. Leather '93 on March 20 at 177 Townsend St. doors open at 3 pm. Anyone interested in entering the contest may still do so by calling Frank Strona at (415) 621-4145. They have a hot lineup of fantasies and live entertainment for the show. Tickets are available at Stormy Leather and at the door for $20.

Sacramento Leather Daddy and Daddy's Boy Contest takes place Saturday, March 27, starting at 9:30 pm at the Wreck Room. This is the fourth annual contest, and according to the SLA, it is one of their "Fun" titles. Fantasies and many more treats will captivate you all night. I have to hand it to the SLA, because they always seem to make time to come to the Bay Area for events and give us some real friendship. Let's see how many we can get together to show them that they are our friends, too.

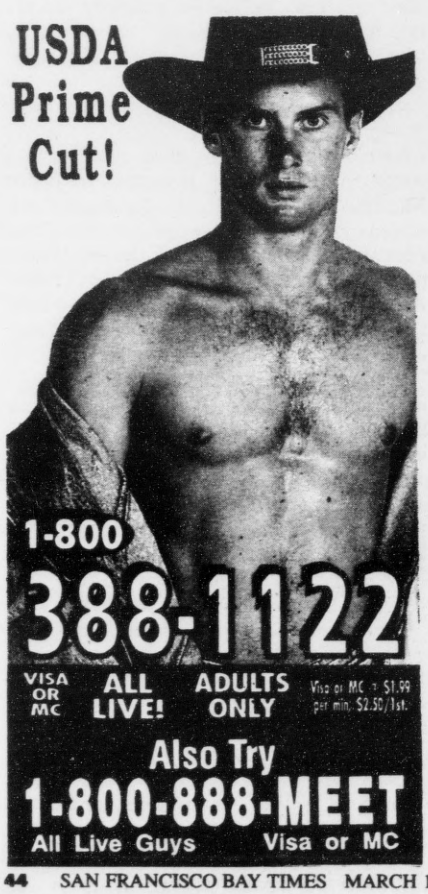
OTHER UPCOMING CONTESTS

Thursday, March 11, is the Mr. Pit Contest at Cocktails at 9th and Howard Sts. This contest starts at 8 pm and has a $1 cover going to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Friday, March 19, is the Mr. Edge Leather contest at the Edge on 18th and Castro. The contest starts at 8 pm, with your ever-so-entertaining emcee Danny Williams.

Remember that this is event season; get plenty of sleep so you can make it to all of the many—I mean *many*—parties.

I would love to ramble on, but I have a freeway to catch. There are so many things happening when I get back, that I am sure I will see you sooner than you think. Bye for now!!! ✿



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Students of Evergreen Valley College closed its $61,000 account, also at the request of Yeager.

• Volunteer Center of San Francisco is now recruiting all nonprofit agencies to participate in its 1993 Human Race. Scheduled for May 8 at Golden Gate Park, the walk-a-thon raises money for programs that cooperate. Contact T. Hutson Morris or Aysu Erdem at (415) 982-8999.

• Rural America just doesn't want to know. That's what students at a high school in Spencer, Wis., found out when they tried to get homosexuality talked about in their social studies class. The school board said "no way."

• Son of Lou Sheldon Dept.: Frank Meliti of Arizonans for Traditional Values won't say much about his effort to get a Colorado-style anti-gay initiative on the ballot. He's only admitting that the right-wing group has "3,500 supporters."

• Meanwhile, the Idaho Citizens Alliance has filed its petition to proceed with a signature drive to put an anti-gay rights initiative on the ballot in that state. The group needs 32,000 signatures.

• A federal judge in Tallahassee, Fla., ruling on a case involving two gay men, has struck down a state law forbidding gays and lesbians from adopting children. The court decision paves the way for the law's repeal.

• The Oklahoma House is on record opposing the lifting of the military ban by President Bill Clinton.

• The Why-Bother Dept.: In a largely symbolic move, the Long Beach, Calif. City Council passed a policy statement recognizing as family just about any group of people living together. This includes gay and lesbian couples. The statement is expected to have virtually no effect on anything.

• The California Medical Association is studying whether health insurance should cover live-in lovers and extended families of policyholders. This was decided instead of actually supporting an extension of coverage.

• Paula Ettelbrick, the outgoing legal director at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, will become the new director of public policy for the National Center for Lesbian Rights on June 1.

• A gay rights bill passed the government committee of the Washington State House with the prediction that it will make it through that legislative body. But it's doubtful the bill will survive the Senate.

AP also contributed to this report. ✿

Lounge...

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cluding "Slippery When Wet," which translates as "Viva la Vulva even when wet." The band has a lot of fun onstage. Recently, they played at a booksigning for Gloria Steinem. "She loved 'Breast Exam'," says Lisa. I can imagine. Call the Pussy Hotline at (415) 561-9771 to confirm the details of the show.

Also of interest is Redwood's International Women's Day Show, Skin Talk. Featuring the drumming of Carolyn Brandy, Edwina Lee Tyler, Harpbeat and others, it celebrates the heartbeat of the ancestors. Also on the bill in various capacities are Faye Carol, India Cooke and Joy Harjo. The show starts at 8 pm on March 13 at Calvin Simmons Theatre. Tickets available through Redwood, Mama Bear's or Modern Times. (510) 835-1445. ✿

Naiad...

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While, over the course of 20 years, Naiad has only allowed 20 titles to go out of print, Grier admits that some of these books were "better written than the average reader's taste." Grier also noted that Naiad will discontinue the publication of science fiction because "it's not saleable."

So, like most publishing companies these days, Naiad is market-driven. In order to stay in business, it prints what sells. But Katherine Forrest, who, in addition to being a best-selling Naiad author, is the supervising editor of all Naiad titles, pointed out that despite Naiad's reputation for books in the popular taste, they do publish "several books a year" that they "can be proud of even if they don't do as well." Forrest also notes that the criticism Naiad comes in for indicates just how important the press is to the community.

For the most part, then, Naiad books stick to traditional narrative forms. "Slice of life always seems to me like grim," Grier quoted from a reader survey. "I got plenty of grim. I don't need to buy it." A case in point: Although Naiad published Sarah Schulman's first novel, *The Sophie Horowitz Story*, they did not issue her second book, *Girls, Visions and Everything* (The Seal Press). In a telephone interview from Baltimore, where she was on tour promoting her fifth novel, *Empathy* (Dutton), Schulman said of *Girls*, "They didn't like it because it didn't have a plot."

Are all Naiad books, then, plot-driven and upbeat? Do they all tell lesbians "you are wonderful"? Grier believes that positive messages are extraordinarily important. "We get thousands of cards from readers telling us how isolated they feel." Naiad books seem to help.

The Naiad Press, called "the best-run lesbian press in the country" by *The Miami Herald*, along with its two publishers, Barbara Grier and Donna McBride, are true community resources. Katherine Forrest noted the import of the press for reissuing lesbian classics and for bringing out contemporary first novels. "I owe them," said Sarah Schulman, referring to the publication of her first book. "I'm hugely indebted to them." Diane Salvatore, another author whose first book was issued by Naiad, said, "It's time we gave small presses, Naiad in particular, their due." ✿

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■ PARENTING

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East Bay Pregnant Lesbian, 40 y.o. awaiting 1st child in August. Looking for other East Bay lesbians expecting spring/summer/fall babies, to start a pregnancy support group/mother's group. Potluck brunch in April? Call Kate 526-0725.

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■ SPORTS & GAMES

Hayward: Cruisy video store. Gay & lesbian videos. Toys (wow), magazines, other adult items. Expect courteous treatment. Very Video, 22523 Mission (between 'A' & 'B' downtown). Open 'til 2am. 881-0185.

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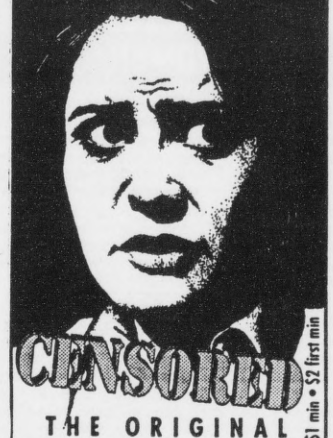

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Namaste
Are you entirely unique walking about in trappings ordinaire? Are you as likely to be entertained by past life or other psychic event, as by a movie or concert? Are you as happy in meditation as in the beta brain wavelengths, but manage to stay earthbound? If so, we sound like friends! Women over 30 preferred—if you're also a masseuse, can Nirvana be yet afar off? Let's investigate! Call ★★4719.

Nude Slave Sought By
Het male trapped in the body of a lesbian and loving every minute of it. This GWF, 20something, has immediate demands for hot femme slave. Petite airhead blondes and demure slutty brunettes preferred but willingness to serve more important than looks. Sexual duties as well as house duties required. Some S/M exposure essential, however I prefer to train. Could evolve into a live-in position. Reply BT Box MR1A or call ★★4720.

Almost Satisfied
I have wonderful friends, a meaningful job, an open heart, spiritual and emotional health (well mostly—always growing). Desire a tender, sensitive and honest butch of center who believes in personal growth and is willing to work through problems; is full of passion, love, humor and wants to create a family with children. I am 39, fat, attractive, love dancing, my cats, nature and lots of touch. Call ★★4721.

Vancouver, Canada
Ride your horse along the edge of the sword/ Hide yourself in the middle of the flames/ Blossoms of the fruit tree will bloom in the fire/ The sun rises in the evening. Shadowplay... moving the unconscious to consciousness. GWF, 30, seeks creative, playful, part-time S/M relationship for fun, adventure and personal growth. Honest, intelligent, mature, slim, petite and attractive femme wants emotionally stable, athletic butch, 28-40, with good sense of humor. No drugs, alcohol, smoking, cheating. Woman of color, esp. GBF preferred, but not essential. Thoughtful replies to BT Box MR2A.

Conscious
Attractive, together, soft butch/center, athletic, NS, funny and fun lesbian in her mid- to late-30s, who loves animals, the outdoors and her busy life seeks all of the above in a femme-of-center woman. Let's take it slow and make sure it's a good choice. Call ★★4722.

Another First
"Firsts" are an important part of my life. Also, tennis, outdoors, movies, walks, fireplaces, companionship, TLC, conversation, romance, honesty, optimism, humor, intelligence and maturity. Youthful 45+ seeking new friends/dating. Reply BT Box MR3A or call ★★4723.

True Love And/Or Great Sex
I am an intense, lesbian-identified, 26 y.o., medium built, WF, who is looking for true love and/or great sex (or friendships). I love music, the arts, erotic "adventures," romantic evenings, and anything else that piques my interest. You should be open-minded, intense and very sexual. Extra credit given for soft, butchy, aggressive, top, women of color, but I'm open to whatever works. Chemistry is most important. Hey, if anything in this ad interests you, take a chance, leave a message and let's talk! Call ★★4724.

I Wanna Be A Lesbian!
(Again!) After 2 years of celibacy, I'm sure my lesbian membership card has expired! About me: mid-30s, full of fun, attractive, intelligent, sense of humor, passionate, not very athletic, but I express myself through music and art. About you: honest, expressive, available, don't smoke, and do live in SF. About us: You never know unless you call ★★4725.

Butch Looking For Femme
Established, 44-yr-young butch looking for femme who likes: traditional wife role, meeting people, travel, mountains/sea, quiet times together, and is ready to enjoy life and not into working all the time. Must live in Solano, Napa, Sonoma or Marin counties. Maybe it turns into a lifetime relationship. Call ★★4726.

Staying Power
Earth feels sacred the longer we walk her. Part-Cherokee pedestrian travels transbay for arts escapades/collaborations, taking long walkin' talks' poetic license along urban gypsy trails. Forget the meat markets. Other semi-retired, trim, accountable, health-consciously gallant gal: share playful "laptime" (non-sexual awhile), and mutual generositease—my fitness training, promotional/personal writing, stage/window design, tour guiding, whistling, childcare, etc., for your skills, talents, storage, driving, etc. Reply BT Box MR4A or call ★★4727.

Sexually Assertive/Yet Ethical
Do you tip the scales at femme/androgynous? Can you discuss lifting the ban on gays in the military one moment and give me a long, wet kiss the next? Would you like to go to the gym, biking or dancing with me and the girls? Looking for aggressive girlfriends with integrity to share adventures on the hiking trails and at the clubs. Reply BT Box MR5A or call ★★4728.

Looking For A Dance Partner & More!
I love to dance & not in bars. In houses to cheerful, uplifting, old-time music; a fun fantasy hippie-like atmosphere environments. Also like hot tubs & saunas, exercise & health food. I'm 40 yrs. old, 5'4½", long blond hair, green eyes, 130 lbs., looking for hip chicks to pal around with & much more. Be clean & sober & nonsmoker. Call ★★4729.

Femme lesbian seeks lover for intense, smoldering passion. Got your attention yet? My loves: candles, rich food, horror novels, cats, tattoos, fantasy and surrealistic art, hot cocoa, soft skin, torch songs, dark-haired butch women (but I'm not picky), strange films, tequila shots, serious kissing, playfulness, a sense of humor and sex, sex, sex. I'm attractive, 25 yrs. old, and want a long-term relationship. Smokers feel free to respond. Call ★★4730.

Your Ass Is Mine
Girls: I have a serious ass fetish that I'm just dying to get satisfied. If you'd like to have a dark, voluptuous, nasty-minded, white girl slut pay attention to your ass for hours at a time, then read on. I'd like to do any or all of the following to you: look at and admire your ass; make you show it off to me in various positions and stages of dress and undress; make you bend over my knee, bend over my furniture, or get down on all fours with your ass stuck high in the air; fondle and squeeze and hump your butt like a dog while you wriggle and squirm and plead for more; spank, paddle, whip and flog you until your cheeks are bright red and burning; and, of course, fuck you up the ass, long and hard and nasty, until you melt. I don't care about your race, age, butch/femmity, or built (although I am somewhat partial to voluptuous women), as long as you have a nice, juicy ass and are comfortable with the concept of talking about sex on the first date and doing it on the second. Light S/M is definitely on the itinerary; heavy S/M, other kinds of sex, and switching are also possibilities. We could have a one-night stand or do it over and over again, but a serious relationship is out of the question. Any queer gals whose butts have been tingling for the last minute or so, please reply BT Box MR6A or call ★★4731. Please, no curiosity seekers or women in monogamous relationships (I don't want to be the one you cheat on your sweetie with). No men.

I Prefer Plants
But occasionally my animal instincts overpower my better judgment. I have a solid, integral interior which is covered by a constantly changing and charming exterior. Seeking 30ish, NS, ND lesbians who are bright, warm, passionate and compassionate for more serious frivolity. The analogy of "Ingenue Seeking Leading Lesbian" resonates with you. Can you guess which part I want you to play? Call ★★4732.

Must Be Femme Identified
Sincere, loving butch top seeks warm, loving femme for friendship leading to monogamous relationship. Please be all femme with no doubts, no this or that of center. I enjoy art, music, movies, theater, good food, walks, the ocean, the mountains—and long for that one femme to share the ups and downs, the laughter, love and passion with. Call ★★4733.

Not Just Another Ad!!
Either a lover or a pal... I'm open to both happening! I'm 23, GWF, attractive, 5'10", slim, with great sense of humor, passionate, honest and intelligent. Love cooking a delicious dinner, shared with wine, soft music, flowers & romance. You have similar interests, honest, not afraid to share feelings; enjoy many laughs, have good values. Plus if you're cute, Italian, enjoy romance. Call ★★4734.

Where Are You?
Jewish, attractive & feminine—likes to wear make-up! Has style, physically fit, intelligent, warm, sweet & fun. Over 30, nonsmoker. Do you exist? If so, let's talk. Call ★★4735.

Ponder On This
Worldly pursuits bring endless yearning. Peace comes with the integrity inherent in the company of one who pays attention. Perhaps you ask too little of life—I do not. Spiritual 31 y.o. desires impassioned sex and meaningful conversation with NS SF resident whose confidence rests in knowing she does not know and a certainty in being physically and mentally satisfied as often as she seeks. Reply BT Box MR14A or call ★★4736.

Incurable Romantic
Black, professional, attractive, 32-year-old, femme seeks to meet attractive, lipstick feminine, professional, weight-proportioned, passive, drug-free, nonsmoker, sane, female of any race for companionship, relationship purposes. Hobbies include: traveling, reading, photography, gourmet cooking, romantic walks on the beach, stimulating fireplace discussion, movies and plays. Dislikes include: emotional games, bars and possessiveness. Discretion if desired. Call ★★4737.

Mama Bears, 2/20/93
We sat across the aisle from one another and we often, during the performance, exchanged laughter, glances and an occasional smile. You were with friends. I guess we were both too shy to talk after the show. I'd like to see you again; give me a second chance to make a first impression. Call me. Reply BT Box MR7A or call ★★4738.

Creative Scientist Sought
For extensive experimentation. Looking for young, not so innocent, graduate student. How creative can you be? How about learning to be a bottom? Do you need individual tutoring and special attention from a professor? Call ★★4739.

Blonde Goddess Wanted
GWF, very attractive, 27, slender, with shoulder-length brunette hair and sparkling brown eyes seeks special friend. I am protective and caring, romantic and passionate, warmhearted and witty. I'm not a fake or a flake. Love dancing, concerts, pool, movies, nature, hanging out with friends. Drawn almost exclusively to feminine, spirited women of the blonde persuasion. I'm a good catch, so take a chance and call. Reply BT Box MR8A or call ★★4740.

Gem Of A Woman Seeking Part-Time Lover
Friendly, pretty young woman seeking friendly pretty woman for light-hearted sex/occasional dating. I'm white, bisexual, artist by trade & have an extraordinary 2-year-old daughter whom I adore. Not interested in commitment, just companionship & lovemaking. Please: local, socially flexible. I like all types, don't be shy. Call ★★4741.

Multicultural Virgin
20-year-old Korean-Bolivian lesbian seeking monogamous, long-term relationship with preferably Asian, Latina, Eurasian or white lesbians of 18+. I am 5'7", slim, babyish cute, feminine, good catch, open-minded, passionate college student (UCB) seeking similar qualities. But different types welcome. I am romantic—wait until I sing you Spanish songs with my guitar! Let me cook you delicious Bolivian and/or Korean cuisine. Please call ★★4742.

Seeking Quiet And Quirky Gals
Quiet, yet silly, introspective but adventurous, progressive and slightly cynical 25 y.o. WL seeks hang-out buddies and/or dates. I like spontaneous, quirky and nerdish women who are reliable, non-judgmental, politically conscious and into honest friendships. Big perks for other quiet, thoughtful gals. Let's meet for breakfast, go on a hike, or color in our favorite coloring books and chat about learning to be who we are. P.S. Date potential definitely increases if you are over 5'8" and not skinny (like me). Call ★★4743.

I Am Attractive Filipino/Hawaiian
Long black hair, brown eyes, warm heart, affectionate, stable. I like sports, tennis, softball and am family oriented. I want GWF, feminine natured, lipstick lesbian for friendship and fun, in work and play, who is open, communicative and responsive. Cut the ice and share some time. Call ★★4744.

Don't You Want Somebody To Love?
Don't you need somebody to love? How about somebody to date? I'm a former tomboy, former hippie, former dyke and now a lesbian East Bay homeowner. I enjoy the usual gourmet-ghetto activities, all arty-farty things, and nature. My "type" is femme, intelligent, kind, enjoys humor, non-smoking, not a 12-stepper, occasionally stylish, cute and more-or-less fit. Letters appreciated. Reply BT Box MR9A or call ★★4745.

My Heart Is Open
For a woman who is warm and caring and not afraid of intimacy. One who can be a friend, possible lover and is ready for a committed relationship. We are honest, sincere and generous. I am a 50+ AF, willing to try almost anything once, getting more into healthful lifestyle, very young in outlook, easygoing and playful. I enjoy movies, dining out, most music (especially soft jazz), browsing antique shops and museums. I have no patience for excessive talkers, those who take themselves too seriously and anyone set in their ways. Let's get dressed up for the theater or stroll the nude beach. Reply BT Box MR10A.

Lots Of Caring, Trust
Self-growth/communication/intense pleasure/deep love/give and take, healing, gentle, adventurous supportive sexuality/safety, vulnerability, kind generous spirit./ Can you, amidst passion, meditate, concentrate on simple requests? Hear and express, for lasting relationship. Most incredible, joyous CSA recovery. Extra special woman. E. Bay? Tall, attractive, 50, fit, integrity, commitment, affection, grass, animals, holistics. Friends, too. Call ★★4746.

Kennel Club, 3/1/93
Lunachicks provided the sound, you provided the heat. Me: jeans, sleeveless black spandex, plastered against the stage. You: shaved sides, blond tips, rocking me to the rhythm. You left me wet... Consider this an invitation for further play—no strings. Girls In The Nose at Faster Pussycat on 3/24 or call ★★4747.

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SO THEA, I JUST READ ABOUT THIS COOL SHOW OF WEARABLE AGITPROP FIBER CONSTRUCTIONS OPENING AT THE FEMINIST ART CO-OP...
YEAH, MAXINE AND I ARE GONNA CHECK IT OUT TOMORROW. OH, HERE SHE IS NOW! CAN YOU LOCK UP?
SIGH
BOOKS
SATURDAY NIGHT AND NO PLACE TO GO.
BUS STOP
UH... HI, SPARROW I JUST STOPPED BY TO SAY HI. FOR A MINUTE.
OH, MO. I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE PIZZA.
HEY, MO! C'MON IN AND JOIN THE BURNOUT BRIGADE!
YEAH. WE HAVE A FABULOUS EVENING PLANNED. LOW NUTRIENT FOODSTUFFS AND LIGHTWEIGHT ENTERTAINMENT, GUARANTEED TO TAKE OUR MINDS OFF OUR TROUBLES.
POPCORN
VIDEO FLICKS
OH, GREAT. ORDER A PIZZA, POP IN SISTER ACT, AND FORGET ALL ABOUT GENOCIDE, STARVATION, AND MASS RAPES IN BOSNIA! THE TRUE AMERICAN WAY.
LISTEN, MO. I HAVE BEEN DOING CRISIS INTERVENTION WITH BATTERED, HOMELESS WOMEN AND KIDS ALL WEEK LONG. TONIGHT, I AM GOING TO VEGETATE IN FRONT OF THE TV. IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT BOSNIA, GO JOIN THE RED CROSS.
I'M SORRY. YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M PROJECTING MY OWN HOLLOW PURPOSELESSNESS ONTO EVERYONE ELSE. I NEED TO GET A LIFE.
POPCORN
HUH. YOU'RE LOOKING PRETTY FESTIVE FOR SUCH A LOST SOUL. NEW SHIRT? AND WHAT'S WITH THE EARRINGS?
NOTHING! JEEZ, IS IT SO UNUSUAL FOR ME TO LOOK NICE?
I KNOW WHAT'S WITH THE EARRINGS. MO'S HOT FOR SOMEONE. AREN'T YOU?
WHO?
I AM NOT! SHUT UP!
POPCORN
DON'T WORRY. YOUR SECRET'S SAFE WITH ME. ESPECIALLY SEEING AS SHE'S ALREADY SPOKEN FOR.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. WHAT'LL WE WATCH FIRST. TRUTH OR DARE, OR SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT?

metal. I want the taste of it in my mouth, the feel of it on my skin and inside my cunt. I want chains wrapped around my naked flesh, handcuffs cutting into my wrists, a bit in my mouth and a metal collar around my throat. I want to be hit with a metal ruler, probed and examined with cold metal instruments. If you have chain mail, shackles, a metal dildo or a nice cold exam table, that would just about make me pass out with pleasure. If you have other metal fetish ideas, I'm all ears. No knives, cutting or piercing; guns, however, would be just dandy. I'm a good, fun bottom, feisty rather than passively submissive. I don't care about your age, race or position on the butch/femme scale—imagination, respect and a playful attitude are what matter most. I'm primarily a bottom when it comes to this fetish, but switching is certainly an option. I'm looking for sex, not love. No bi-phobia, please, and no men. Want to play? Please reply BT Box MR11A or call ★★4748.

Calm, Wild And Soft, Stubborn

GAF seeks very feminine woman who is slim, sensitive, sincere, honest and has knowledge of art, film and likes dancing, under 5'5", 24-33. I smoke, drink. Reply BT Box MR12A.

My Asian Muscle Goddess

Every day with you is more and more loving. Thank you for the last two and a half years of blissfulness. Will you marry me on May 29th? The Legennd. Call ★★4749.

"M"

You are convinced hidden somewhere in the recesses of my clothing is a penis. Clothing seems to add a delicious combination of mystery and sin. But I must reach between the fabric that separates us. Pressed up against you, I move my hand down between your legs and briefly play with your wetness. One by one, I slide my fingers into you. Moving slowly, then rapidly, in and out. Every motion deeper, stronger, harder. The hardness hints of power and strength you expect from me. As hours turn to days I have never given myself to another before and never felt so desired to. To be continued. Boner/TC. Call ★★4750.

Homo Alone

Looking for sexual friend(s) with shared passions for play and significance, bonding without bondage. I'm 30, attractive, androgynous, intelligent, articulate, sensuous, political but nondogmatic, funny, earthy (Taurus). Passionate about music, sexuality, outdoors, cooking, feminism, planet, future, my kitties. Would like to share camping, museums, travel, cafes, bookstores, hiking, ocean, pub philosophy with a radical queer comrade. No smokers, drugs, roles; lesbians only please. Call ★★4751.

A Curious Thing, These Ads...

... but, in the spirit of bold silliness and blind leaps of faith, I'd (gulp) love to meet a sweet girl who, like me, has an agile mind, a glint in her eye & a playful wit. I'm 36, easily amused, strong with a gentle touch & occasionally neurotic (friends, bless them, see this as an endearing little quirk!). I love the woods, the water, canoes, the rain & fog. Separatists send me screaming wildly in the opposite direction—but a flexible, "woodsy" kind of gal who also loves the City, and who can laugh at herself, would be a treat! Reply BT Box MR13A or call ★★4752.

Older Woman

You read the personals for fun but may be a bit "old-fashioned" about meeting another woman this way. Me too! Outwardly confident/inwardly shy, mid-40s, blonde type, 5'7", zoftig, successful, cat lover would like to meet older, preferably taller woman for a secret friendship and romantic interludes. Let us try something new. Call ★★4753.

40s active alive asking aware bright committed devilish educated exciting funny giving literate nonsmoking pretty professional pushing ready San Franciscan sensitive settled single soaring strong tall therapizing true wild. Call ★★4754.

You And Me, Babe

How about it? Me: tall, more butch than not, into biking adventures, writing poetry, thinking Communist, combatting racism, wearing Levi's, playing, laughing, music that screams with passion, touches that burn. You: butch, femme, both, neither—compatible with me for any of the above. Reply BT Box MR15A or call ★★4755.

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Poker Anyone? (Or Maybe Risk)

GWM, 30, seeks other guys looking for a poker game that's social, but also competitive. Or, if you're a serious Risk player who plays to win, that's cool, too. I live in Castro Valley, but commuting's no problem. Since the emphasis is on friendship, I'll meet all respondents first to ensure general compatibility. A photo (returnabie with mine) is appreciated so there'll be no surprises on either end (but not required). Write: A.T.H., PO Box 281103, SF 94128.

Ballroom Dancing

I've wanted to learn ballroom dancing for some time now, so I'm giving this a shot. I don't have any experience with ballroom dancing per se (except for one cha cha class way back in the mists of time), but I do have a fair amount of experience with other forms of dance (modern, belly, and Morris), and although I'm a bit rusty and out of shape, I do pick up new dance styles pretty fast. Other beginners would be great—we can be klutzes together for a while—but you can be pretty much any level as long as you're patient with my lack of expertise. I'm willing to lead or follow, although I'm somewhat more temperamentally inclined toward the former. I'd prefer queer-oriented classes (if we can find one), but freaking out the folks at Arthur Murray would also be fine. Other dykes preferred—bi women are more than welcome—but feminist faggots are okay, too. This is not a sex ad, but please don't be bi-phobic or anti-S/M. Please reply BT Box MR600A or call ★★4846.

Looking For A Skipper, Not A Lover

BiWM, 24, fit—a sailor whose only love right now is the sea—looking to crew on local boat for racing, daysails, or extended cruise. Experience on small boats only—I spend 1 or 2 days a week on the Bay, mostly in dinghies, singlehanded. Honest, dedicated, fast learner. Easygoing, open-minded. Let's talk about the possibilities. Write: PO Box 170111, SF 94117.

Lesbian Parents of Young Boys

P/t lesbian co-parent of active, engaging, 4-year-old boy looking for others for playmates and sharing ideas on raising compassionate, pro-feminist men. Available weekends only. Let's talk and play in East Bay. Call ★★4847.

Snowboarders From Hell!

Where are you? Handsome & athletic young GWM in the East Bay wants to meet same for mountain biking in the East Bay hills & snowboarding in the mountains (I'm a beginner). Have Jeep, will travel! Let's go! Gay, bi, straight OK. Call ★★4848.

Musician

You have mostly melodies, a guitar, maybe 4-track. I have mostly lyrics. We both sing and write stuff together that makes fish jump out of the lake in the middle of the night. Queer, creative guy, 26, CSN-Cocteau Twins. Used to write songs with straight friend back East, want queer friend West Coast version. Call ★★4849.

Guitar And Writing Buddies Wanted

I am a beginning songwriter with (roughly) intermediate guitar skills. I need to stop practicing and playing alone at home, and get out and meet more musical types. I'm looking to meet others who play and/or sing and/or write. Folk, rock, acoustic style, but I'm open. I want to improve my skills while collaborating with others. If interested, please call ★★4850.

Women Runners And Walkers

Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in-between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park or call ★★4851.

Creating Our Own Mythology

A women's reading and discussion group. Monthly meetings on second Thursday of the month. Call ★★4852 for more information.

Third World Gay Men

Get together for Sunday brunches and socializing. A cooking collective for non-yuppies is forming—music, laughter and nourishment provided for the body, mind and soul. Call ★★4853.

Emanu-El

I'm looking for other lesbians and gay men who are members or attend services at Temple Emanu-El. Just want to connect, to know I'm not the only one in the congregation. Or, is there anyone else who has tried making this connection? Call ★★4854.

Bjorn Free

GWM, 24, hasn't picked a racquet up in years. Looking for tennis partners that are pretty good, very patient and secure enough not to let my fumblings embarrass them. I'm committed (would like to play 2 or 3 times per week), fun, and enthusiastic. Not looking for a date, just a tennis partner or two (maybe a friend in the process). Call ★★4855.

Weight Training Partner

Been a dedicated gym goer for a long time. I'd now like to get more organized by sharing support, knowledge and training with a like-minded partner. My workout routine includes free weights, machines and aerobics. Looking for another nice guy with mid-Peninsula (San Mateo/Santa Clara County) on north to SF. My schedule is quite flexible. A friendship would be an added benefit! Call ★★4856.

Golf Anyone?

Do you love to play golf? Are you a "single" golfer (i.e., you do not have a regular golf-playing partner or your lover doesn't play)? Let's get a group of women together for regular golf dates. Non-competitive. Weekends or weekdays possible. All levels of play welcome. All you have to do is love the game. Call ★★4857.

Seeking Frida Kahlo & Georgia O'Keefe!

Rusty lesbian watercolorist looking for other lesbians interested in starting a painting group. Hoping to organize a weekly or biweekly gathering where we'll chat, snack, laugh, procrastinate and, oh yeah, do a bit of art! All skill levels, all mediums, welcome. Dust off your brushes (or pastels or charcoal or...) and call with your ideas of where, when and how to meet! Call ★★4858.

Women Wrestlers

Are you looking for an excellent conditioning activity, or a spot in the '94 Gay Games? Wrestling may be the sport for you. Women's team now forming. Weekly training practices in SF. Come check us out. Call ★★4859.

New Yorker

Working from the assumption that men who enjoy reading the New Yorker magazine are a distinct type—sometimes simplistically mistaken for the snooty or nerdy—I would like to meet the few-and-far-between. Let's talk (our brains out). Reply BT Box MR127A or call ★★5015.

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Tri

Stable bi male, 45, seeks long-term relationship with two gay or bi women. My hope is for tri love, intimacy and commitment with a house, gourmet kitchen, garden, kids, lots of friends and pets for good measure. As two or three, let's do lunch. Call ★★4816.

Married Bi White Male, Age 50

Overweight and unemployed, would like to make friends with Filipina, Asian and Latina ladies who are bisexual, from age 50 down. Married or single. Gentle married couples welcome. I'm working on my weight. I don't smoke, drink or use drugs. I'm HIV-. I'm tired of being ashamed of my desires, games and loneliness! Let's be honest with each other! PO Box 424053, SF 94142-4053 or call ★★4817.

BiW Male Seeks Compatible Bi Female

I'm looking for a bi female who would be interested in a relationship with a bi male who would like to maintain a gay identity. I've been exclusively gay for the past 10 yrs. and would like to include women in my life again. I'm 39 y.o., HIV- and play safe. I'm open-minded, have a good sense of humor, warm-hearted and live in San Francisco. Call ★★4818.

BiWM Educated And Intelligent

Crossdresser, 44, seeks friends, playmates and relationships with M, F or (M, F), (F, F) couple. Likes arts, music, film, theater and lingerie. Call ★★4819.

Attractive TS

Want to meet sensuous, attractive, hairy, slim WM, 37-47, for a lot of kissing, touching, 69 and a bottom with a lot of cocktails for two. San Francisco area; possible ongoing relationship. Call ★★4820.

Looking For An Intimate Friend?

BiWM seeks intimate friend, either sex. I am 44, 5'10", 155, athletic, attractive, very intelligent, emotionally generous and very stable. I am the thoughtful, introverted type, but that doesn't mean that I don't have social skills. I like strong individuals who take care of themselves and work hard on themselves and thus have no need to look for identity in a group or relationship. I think that sex and intimacy require great creativity and can be an art form. Academic or professional a plus. Please be attractive, athletic and very smart. Call ★★4821.

Unconventional Wisdom Says:

You can love two people at the same time. We're just looking for what most people seem to want: love, trust, balance, a sense of completeness. Our expectations are just a bit more expansive than some folks. In our case, it's three people building a life together, creating a relationship where the answer is no longer "no" to one but "yes" to all. Yeah, sure, it's not a new idea, but we're not visionaries and this ain't no grand experiment. But it's still a damn good idea. We've come close enough to know that three people can build that life; close enough to know that somewhere out there there's another woman who's ready to go beyond the myths. Call ★★4822.

If It Moves You

Are there any fellow bisexual cab drivers out there? I'll bet there are. Well then, let's hear from you. Drop me a few lines. Maybe we could form a club. Reply BT Box MR300A.

Age Play

Woman seeks other creative, reasonable women interested in erotically dominating men who are in feminine, juvenile roles. Petticoat discipline, infantilism, cute costumes, sissy boy training and teasing. S/M of the mind more than the body—all done safely, consensually and affectionately. Join me in making my "little boy" and his playmates "perfectly pleasing pets." Your ideas welcome. Boxholder, PO Box 425991, SF 94142 or call ★★4823.

Tall, Dark & Dangerous

Let's cut to the chase, this could describe your worst nightmare or your hottest fantasy. It describes me and hopefully you. Me: 30s, BBiF, smart, sarcastic and jaded, looking for Prince trapped in a white boy's body. If you are hopelessly attracted to dark skin and know the meaning of butch in the street, bottom in the sheet, you may write & call me. No blonds, no wimps. Deal with it! Reply BT Box MR301A or call ★★4824.

BiWM, 30something, Handsome

And masculine but not macho seeks cute, playful female counterpart to pal around with, maybe more. Call ★★4825.

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TRANS

Your Color, Age, Ethnicity, Sexual/Gender Preferences

Won't exclude you from my search for playmates/friends with whom to: hike, camp, x-c ski, sail, share wine, great food, coffee houses, movies, secondhand bookstores. I have budding breasts, widening hips & an overall softening of features. No smokers, dopers, heavy drinkers please. A bonus if you're F, 5'10" or taller, and love to shop! Reply BT Box MR400A or call ★★4836.

Attractive TS

Want to meet sensuous, attractive, hairy, slim WM, 37-47, for a lot of kissing, touching, 69, and a bottom with a lot of cocktails for two. San Francisco area; possible ongoing relationship. Call ★★4837.

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MESSAGES

Tan Van/Pump Station Guy

You're the 6'3", 210 lb. bearded guy who answered my "Big Strong Buddy" ad in the Feb. 11 issue. Couldn't meet you—had to work. Write me at PO Box 460191, SF 94146 or call ★★4869 and let's figure out a way to meet.

Mama Bears, 2/20/93

We sat across the aisle from one another and we, often during the performance, exchanged laughter, glances and an occasional smile. You were with friends. I guess we were both too shy to talk after the show. I'd like to see you again. Give me a second chance to make a first impression. Call me! Reply BT Box MR700A or call ★★4870.

Golden Gate Park Runner

Sunday, 2/28, noonish. You: T, salt & pepper hair, beautiful smile. Me: biker, blondish, goatee. We chatted and paced each other, then I lost you in the Lower Haight. What happened? Call me. —B. Call ★★4871.

Girl Spot, 2/27—Blonde Vixen

You were wearing a long black coat and drawing lots of attention from strangers. I was wearing lots of tattoos and was in the company of a group of friends. We wound up alone near the stage, your leg pressed to my arm, then we were rudely interrupted. You left suddenly with an older companion. Please call. I thought you were dreamy. Call ★★4872.

Kennel Club, 3/1/93

Lunachicks provided the sound, you provided the heat. Me: jeans, sleeveless black spandex, plastered against the stage. You: shaved sides, blonde tips, rocking me to the rhythm. You left me wet... Consider this an invitation for further play—no strings. Girls In The Nose at Faster Pussycat on 3/24 or call ★★4873.

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MEN

Seeking Dominant Man

Dominant man into S&M and humiliation scenes sought for possible relationship by very good-looking WM, masculine and well-built, 36, 5'10", eager to fulfill your unusual or kinky desires (but nothing too intense or unsafe). Looking for sophisticated man who is masculine, preferably hairy, 35-45, good talker and knows what he wants. Call ★★4886.

Going My Way?

Youthful, slim runner, 50s, HIV-, sincere, caring and masculine. Enjoys outdoors, cycling, nature, shows, movies, dinners and home. Looking for an active, fit guy who is happy with life, has a positive attitude and who would like to spend weekends exploring the area and each other. Open to other activities. If you don't call, I'll have to go alone. Two's better. OK? Call ★★4887.

Foot Fetish

Good-looking, athletic, 30-yr-old GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., seeks other good-looking men under 35, who are into it, either actively or passively. I am also very passionate and enjoy making it with another good-looking young man. Call me at ★★4888.

Friend/Lover In SF

GWM, 54, healthy, HIV-. Stocky, clean-cut, stable, nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs. Tired of being alone. Looking to share the good things in life, fun times and gentle loving with a masculine guy, mid-40s to mid-50s, who is secure and has a quiet sense of humor. Reply BT Box MR70A or call ★★4889.

Something More

Attractive, 35 y.o., blnd/blue, 6'1", toned and trim, well-endowed, GWM, seeks good-looking, attention-getting, Latin, Indian, Arab or other brown-skinned guy, tall or short, who's 20-35 y.o., on the smooth, built, boyish, preppyish side, strong and basically confident, yet gentle and caring, respectful, creative, and open to exploring the inner depths of individuality (hope this one doesn't sound too weird!), for romance, fun and games, and to get something more out of life. Please send photo (returned) and letter. Reply BT Box MR71A or call ★★4890.

Asian Massage

Enjoy a soothing, quality, satisfying massage by a 32 y.o., well-built, healthy Asian, 5'10", 158 lbs., certified in Swedish. No charge involved. Not interested in running a business, but love to give massage to a compatible, healthy, HIV-, traditional, clean-cut GWM. Will meet first, if mutually desired, then proceed on to massage when you call. Please include your age, height & weight. Call ★★4891.

Positive

Positive attitude, positive outlook, positive growth and positive HIV. But that's not all I'm about. Long hair, light-skinned, Latin, 35 yrs (look 30), 130 lbs., 5'6", very romantic and sensual. Looking to date, romance, court HIV + African-American men, 20-40. I'm open to, but not looking for, one-night stands. There must be someone out there who can escape from the bar scene for a few nights a week to cuddle on the couch in front of the TV, make passionate romance in front of the fireplace, to share 9 am Sunday service at MCC and to be willing to work at forming a lasting, intimate relationship. All responses will be acknowledged, letters first. Reply BT Box MR72A or call ★★4892.

Seeking Friend/Relationship!

I'm very attractive GAM, 31, 5'8", 140#, and straight-acting. I enjoy outdoors (backpacking, surfing, skiing), dancing and workout. I'm interested in meeting good-looking GWM, 21-31, masculine, down-to-earth and nonsmoking guys. I value friendships and I'm easygoing. You won't be disappointed. Waiting to hear from you. Call ★★4893.

Where Eagles Fly

Let's fly together, spread our wings, man-to-man. I love life—good, bad, rewards. I am lit. crazy, moody, funny, believe life is a great gift. I am 5'10", 165, clean-cut, Black man, HIV +. I seek husky WM, 25-30, clean-cut, in-shape, who must enjoy running, camping, fitness; able to give and receive, man-to-man. If your wings are ready, let go. No games. Friendship/relationship. Call ★★4894.

Safe, Sane & Single

Me: versatile, gdlk, GBM, 5'10", 195#, mid-30s, bodybuilder. You: gdlk, GWM/GLM/GAM w/ moustache and similar characteristics who desires real love and is more than willing to work at our relationship. No drugs, nonsmoker and leather-boys w/hard buns are a+ in my book. Let's meet soon. Send photo. Reply BT Box MR73A or call ★★4895.

Travel Companion Wanted

By nice-looking GWM with yoga/swim-toned body, well-educated mind, and is 51 y.o. Likes all of the arts, and fitness, and the outdoors. HIV + (healthy) and wants to see the world with a friend (nonsmoker). Reply BT Box MR74A or call ★★4896.

Given Up? Not!

Seeking individuals, any age, who maintain continuing zest for and curiosity about life. Me: GWM, moderately successful, late 50s, independent,

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self-employed, sacrilegious, masculine, comfortable bottom, HIV-, love to laugh in and out of bed. Interests include classical music, opera, fine arts. You: masculine, HIV-, well-endowed top, desirous of enjoying North Bay small town life either full or part-time. Reply Box 1535, Healdsburg 95448 or call ★★4897.

HIV+ Capricorn or Virgo with moustache wanted by white male, 31, brown/blue, 6 ft., 185 lbs. of cuddlemonster with keys on right, seeks a serious relationship. Call ★★4898.

Do You Want To Be Worshipped?

That's my fantasy. To be on my knees and admire a sexy, toned, well-built man. I'll give you oral service, compliments and bow at your feet, both of us thinking of ways to highlight your masculinity. Note: You don't touch me, all our attention is focused on you. Me: handsome, Latin, 31. If you've ever fantasized about being worshipped, send photo and write. It could be great! Reply BT Box MR75A or call ★★4899.

Kind, Caring, Cuddly, Versatile

I'm a GWM, 52, with youthful attitude and decent looks. Gray with moustache, slim, HIV-, somewhat shy, with good sense of humor, Berkeley resident. Looking for friends or possible lover (no one-night stands) with younger in-shape, HIV- guy, any race, NS, ND, who is fun-loving, enjoys cuddling, safe sex, and who shares some of these interests: travel, nature, beaches, classical and rock music, movies, poetry, dance, as well as quiet evenings talking, laughing. Integrity, sincerity important. Call ★★4900.

Let's Stay Simple

I'm a BiWM, HIV-, who basically leads a very straight life and uses a SF address for convenience and confidentiality. I'm a 42 y.o. professional living in San Joaquin Valley and quite happy with the way things are except I would like a nice guy with whom I could spend the occasional night, cuddle in bed, talk, and enjoy sex. I'm 5'8", 195#, very clean, NS, and not looking for a lifetime partner. If interested, write to me: T., 370 Turk, #197, SF 94102 or call ★★4901.

Christian

GWM, 31, seeks friendship or possible relationship with GWM, nonsmoker, under 35, who believes spirituality and sexuality need not oppose the other. My interests include: the outdoors, movies, music, dinners with friends and quiet evenings at home. If you're seeking a quality friend, please write: PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★4902.

Wine Country Weekend?

Tall, dark and rather handsome Sonoma Co. gentleman, often in SF, wants to meet North Bay men or SF men who enjoy Sonoma Co., fine wines, food, dining in and out, the outdoors, travel locally or to Europe. At 42 yrs. old, I am a successful vintner enjoying a charmed but sometimes lonely life. Fit and healthy, HIV-, so are you. I wish to meet GWM who, like me, are open to dating and possibly an eventual relationship. Latins and Portuguese a+. Call ★★4903.

Seeking Filipinos—You?

Seeking tanned, smooth, handsome, fit Filipino guy (or Asian with Filipino looks) for friendship (maybe more?), 18-28, honest and straight-acting, nonsmoker. I am attractive, humorous, caring, fun-loving, smiling WM, 28, 5'9", 160#, clean, great shape. But cannot seem to find "him." Let's do outdoor and indoor activities of all types, movies, dancing—and have fun! I live in South Bay, love visiting SF. Send photo, describe yourself. Tanned or dark skin a must. No one-nighters. All letters/calls will be answered. Reply BT Box MR76A or call ★★4904.

Man Hunted By SF Man

Who is handsome, gym-toned, 40, very intelligent, social and fun. Enjoy biking, hiking, reading, seeing films and plays, volunteering, listening to jazz. Have Wanderlust in extremis. Am "ultra-liberal," monogamous wannabe, safe-sexual, extremely affectionate. Like dark, hairy, firm men, 20s to 40s, conversation, well-mannered extroverts, blonds with beards, the occasional toke, moments of honesty and hysteria. Dislike TV, BMWs, religion. For physical stats and voice check call ★★4905.

Shred

This windsurfer looking for same for dialing in and serious speed. Strength (physical and spiritual), health (emotional and attitudinal) a must. Smarts and arts a plus. I'm bi, UB2. Most people can't tell and I like it that way. Friends first. Steep skiing and blue-water sailing a perk. Reply BT Box MR77A or call ★★4906.

We Both Want The Best

So we're both looking for someone with whom we can share the best of ourselves. I'm GWM, 5'10", 170 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, educated and attractive. I like travel, music, languages, theater, reading, Sondheim. I'm HIV-, like sex but like friendship and shared values and interests just as much. I'm ready to settle down with the right man. Like Asian and Latino men but will respond to all who seem compatible. Reply BT Box MR78A or call ★★4907.

Great Package 52

Sincere, sexy, sane, safe GWM professional, romantic, 5'11", 155 lbs., HIV-. No smoke, drink, use drugs. You: flexible, patient, maybe shy, HIV-, weight in proportion to height. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★4908.

One Of The Guys?

Handsome and athletic young GWM in East Bay. Regular kind of guy, tired of/not into bar scene. Likes outdoor activities, the beach, Tahoe, skiing, mountain biking, camping, Disneyland, as well as A's, playing pool, bowling, movies, etc. Would like to meet masculine athletic/active same. Call ★★4909.

Own Your Own Business?

Full-time or part-time? This self-employed, handsome GWM in the East Bay wants to meet other entrepreneurial, driven & motivated guys. Let's talk! Call ★★4910.

You are looking for a friend, confidant, partner/lover. You know how to live with the ambiguity of life and you have a sense of hope and faith. You are somewhat of a loner and independent. But those who know you will speak of your compassion. You work hard, value commitments, laugh and love to relax: movies, massage, music, reading, a steam at the gym. I'm 42, GWM, HIV-, 6', 205 lbs., on the chunky preppy side. I don't use alcohol but do smoke. All bodies are welcome and I find muscles—hidden ones, skinny ones, bulging ones or the yet to be revealed ones—passionate fun. Take a chance. Reply BT Box MR79A or call ★★4911.

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional; emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1 yr. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box MR80A or call ★★4912.

Husband Material

Me: 5'9", 150 lbs., muscular (work out 6x/week), br/bl, hairy chest, 35 yrs. old, Jewish, HIV+, healthy. Sexually adventurous and well-hung. Intelligent and independent, fun includes gym, skiing, cooking, opera, classical music and watching big critters eating little ones on PBS. Most guys to whom I am attracted are younger than me, hairy (furry forearms make me completely nuts!), slender to muscular. Single again after a long time, looking for guys to date. Sex is important, but I get a lot of it without placing an ad. If you think we might click, call or write. Reply BT Box MR81A or call ★★4913.

Wanted!!

Relationship-oriented, sincere friends and playmates by a dangerously horny and hopelessly romantic guy who is ready to turn himself in for the right adventure. (He's 31 years old, 6'1" tall, weighs 165 lbs., is usually tan and has blond hair and blue eyes—a cute kinda guy next door type.) You should be 20-32, have a great sense of humor and an above average sense of direction for yourself. Extra credit for smooth/slim types. If you can provide any further information regarding this investigation contact... BT Box MR82A or call ★★4914.

Silver Maned Seeks Young Partner

GWM, 55, 6'2", 195, HIV-, handsome, caring, available; seeks educated and in-shape GWM, 25-38, drawn to older men generally and seeking one in particular. Am business owner who enjoys independence, sharing, solitude, friendships, charity interests, walking, at home movies, sports on TV, healthy food, impromptu gatherings, exploring the Bay Area, humor and intelligent exchanges of all kinds, including massage. Send thoughtful letter and photo (returned) to: Reply BT Box MR83A.

Couple Wanted

GWM, 25, 5'9", 155 lbs., attractive, masculine, curious in having a threesome with an open-minded couple. The only ingredient is two attractive men to teach me. Call ★★4915.

Wanna Seasoned Friend?

Here I be, either down-to-earth or can rise to the intellectual plane. In my 60s, feel 30s, look 50s? Slim, full head of hair and very well provided. Insatiable kisser, cuddler, talker, grabber. Well-traveled, some German, Spanish, French, music buff, pretty good cook and gardener. Healthy, although I smoke and drink and live in Hayward. Prefer slim, tall man in his 50s. Does it fit? Call ★★4916.

Amoureux

I would like to meet a man to fall in love with. I'm 29, 147#, 5'10", attractive, caring, stable, honest. You: big arms, hairy chest, blue eyes a+, intelligent, in-shape, kissable, challenging, under 40, financially secure, HIV-, intense, East Bay, Marin. Call ★★4917.

30something

HIV-, gym regular, seeks similar for encounter of most stimulating kind. You: capable of keeping conversation, sexually able to perform this function, and lastly might want to date after deed is done. Me: truthfully 5'10", 175 lbs., brown hair/eyes. Make my day. Reply: 2215-R Market St., #119, SF 94114 or call ★★4918.

Ex-Navy

Good-looking GWM, 37, masculine, 6'2", 185, br/bl, HIV-, top, moustache. You're looking for an older guy. I'm looking for potential relationship with GWM, GAM, GLM, 25-33, under 6', in-shape & attractive. You're honest, sincere, compassionate and drug-free. We like hiking, movies, animals, beaches, romance and getting to know each other. Reply to L.P., 41 Sutter St., #1080, SF 94104 or call ★★4919.

I Like 'Em Thick

Attractive GAM, masculine, late-20s, gym-toned, muscular body, likes to play with men who have thick, stubby cocks. If you're interested, give me a call. Call ★★4920.

My Two Gay Brothers

Think I'm cute. Maybe you'd agree. GWM, 26, 5'10", 149 lbs., HIV-, brown hair, hazel eyes, gym-toned body. Ohio-grown. Looking for a cute, unattached, boy-next-door type, 20-29, to date with a possible relationship in mind. 2300 Market St., #89, SF 94114 or call ★★4921.

Romantic Latino

I love the language of the flowers and small details. I'm a caring, romantic, passionate man. Attractive, 33 yrs. old, 6'1", lean, gym-toned, well-educated and small business owner. Healthy HIV+. I love music and nature. Looking for a relationship. Someone around my age or older, masculine, Caucasian or European male, similar interests. No lies. Someone that I can share with the beauty of life. Call ★★4922.

Still Looking

I'm looking for a friend or potential boyfriend around my age, 29. Me: Asian male, in great shape, 5'9", and attractive. You: hunky to chunky. Us: nonsmokers, HIV-, cuddly, romantic, low-key and like to have fun. Call ★★4923.

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about forming a monogamous life partnership/best friend, read on. I'm looking for someone who has time to invest (no multiple memberships, friendships or heavily scheduled lifestyle), and the capacity for love, generosity and caring. GWM, 45, 5'11", 160, brn eyes, brn-gray hair/bldg, masc, very hairy, healthy, cleanshaven, well-groomed, stable, adventurous, pleasant personality. Enjoy country music, travel, the outdoors, movies, reading and hobbies. We share: good values, no addictions, height/weight proportional, good sense of humor, calm/unpretentious personality and a quiet lifestyle. Please include return address with your response to J.N., PO Box 4654, Foster City 94404.

Your Average Guy

East Bay WM seeks same, any race, age, especially smooth-bodied Asians and hung Black/white. I don't smoke or use drugs, HIV-, safe sex, 5'8", 150, concerned about our health, young outlook, mature at heart, enjoy outdoors, reading, professional, versatile, nice body/ass/cock. You: HIV-, clean, no BS, married welcome. Can travel. Your photo gets mine. Hurry. PO Box 5294, Pleasanton 94566.

Hey, Central Contra Costa Guys:

GWM looking for GWM suburban boy-next-door, all-American type, 18-24. Someone who is straight-acting, educated, good-looking, masculine, basically "normal." I seek a safe, monogamous man who is drug-free and can trust. Someone willing to attend sports events, go bowling and just hang out. Me: 5'11", 145#, been told that I'm quite good-looking, smooth, light brown hair, green eyes, clean-cut and straight—well, I have not found the right guy yet so call me inexperienced. Finally, I'm a 22-year-old DVC student. Reply BT Box MR84A or call ★★4924.

My Friends Wrote This Ad For Me

GBM—my friends tell me I'm intelligent, articulate, attractive and sweet, with a good sense of humor. I'm not gym-toned but have started to exercise again. Love to cuddle, kiss, hold and be held. Like reading, movies, theater and walking. Haven't been in a relationship for two years—feel I want to meet new people and start dating again to find new friends and a new relationship. I am 42 yrs. old, salt and pepper and moustache, 6' tall and husky build. Would like to meet men between the ages of 36-47, who are articulate, intelligent and self-confident, and willing to invest in establishing a friendship/relationship. Reply BT Box MR85A or call ★★4925.

I'm Looking For...

My stats: 32 y.o. GWM, 6'1", 200 lbs., lg. frame & pretty solid. I'm HIV-, with brn eyes and a receding brn hairline. I work FT in one of the helping professions & go to the gym 6 nights a week. I also have a post-grad internship, so I'm pretty busy. I've been single a year now (after a l.t. rel. ended) & want to date more. I've never run a personal before & figure this is perhaps as good a way as any to meet guys. I'm SW spiritual (not religious), politically aware & like movies, friends, laughing, travel, making love, dining out, kids, sentiment, pets, music, etc. I'm interested in someone's "internals" as well as "externals." Your age, income level & race aren't that important, chemistry between us is! I'm not interested in Republicans. You should have a minimal level of homophobia. If this sounds interesting, write & tell me about you. Give it a shot, I'm a nice guy! Reply BT Box MR86A or call ★★4926.

Seeking Friend And Lover

GWM, 31 y.o., 5'10", 160#, HIV+, professional seeks sincere relationship-oriented man who is able to communicate well and be himself, not afraid to share affection and feelings, willing to take a chance and let go. Interests include theater, romance, travel, outdoors, and not doing anything at all. Call ★★4927.

Now & Forever

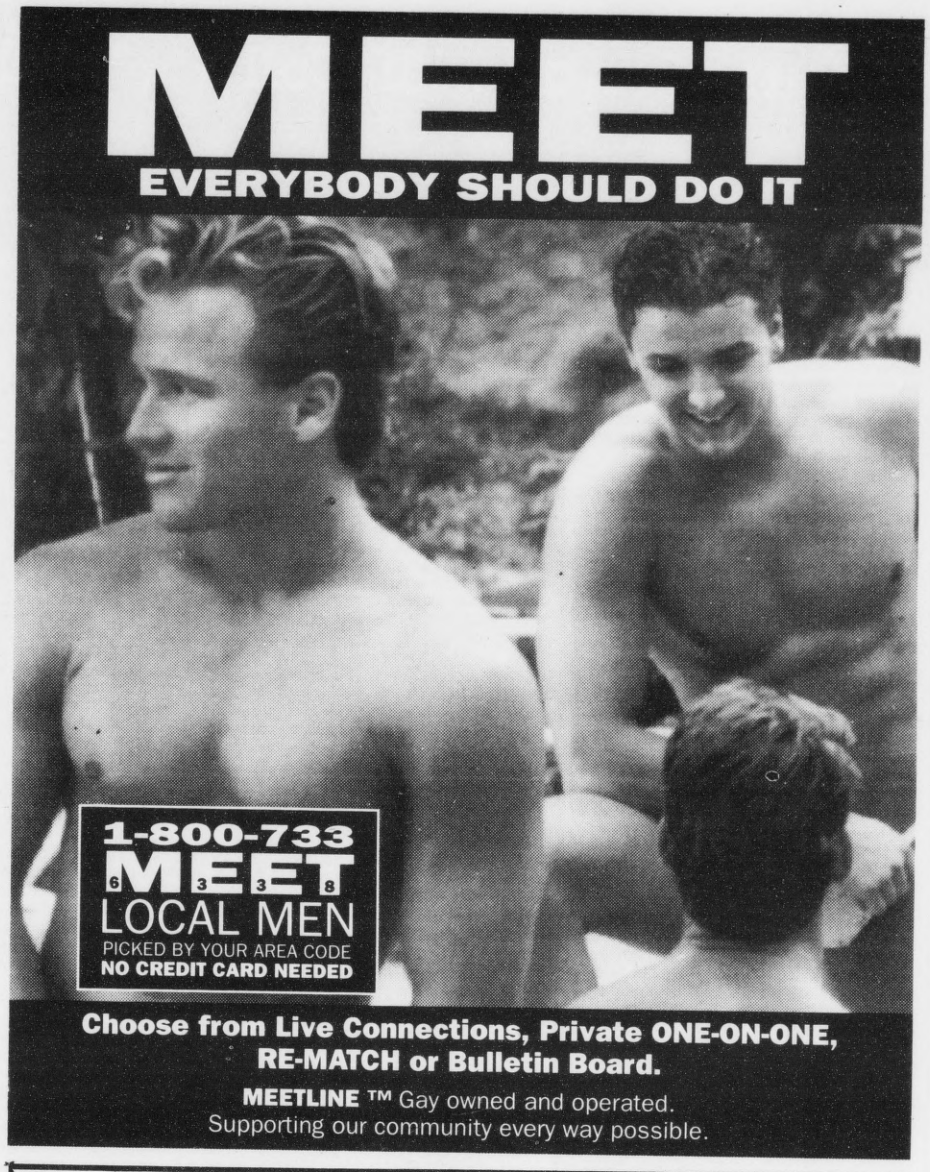
GWM, almost 30, brown/hazel, 6', fit/trim, HIV-, NS, seeks another GWM professional. My qualities include: good-looking, romantic, personable, dedicated & respectful, just to mention a few. I enjoy travel, cooking, the arts & cheesecake. Was "married" for quite a while, have been "divorced" for a while & would like to try again. Boxholder, PO Box 191391, SF 94119-1391 or call ★★4928.

Ready To Stop Fooling Around?

I'm a handsome, intelligent and well-built Irish American (5'11", 160 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, 48, asymptomatic HIV+). I live a full life with good friends, like to cook, swim, hike the mountains, travel, read, argue politics (left), immerse myself in music, work out, write and collect wine (my profession). I enjoy sex without predetermined roles, limitations or guilt. But I also value something extra: intimacy, companionship. If this strikes a resonant chord and if you're: smart, sex-positive, energetic, under 40, HIV+ or very comfortable with same, and if you don't take yourself seriously, then let's hear from you. I have a particular weakness for men with glasses, flat stomachs, cats, and horror movies—but everything's negotiable. Reply BT Box MR87A or call ★★4929.

Handsome, Bearded Gentleman

Over 40, wishes to meet same. We are both educated, employed, HIV-, proud of who we are, have a good sense of humor and are nonsmokers. It would be wonderful if you were creative, liked to two-step, bearded (but a moustache is OK), not greatly overweight, comfortable with tuxedo or Levis. I am a GWM, 5'11", 160#, furry, honorable, fun. A daddy (with children). Call ★★4930.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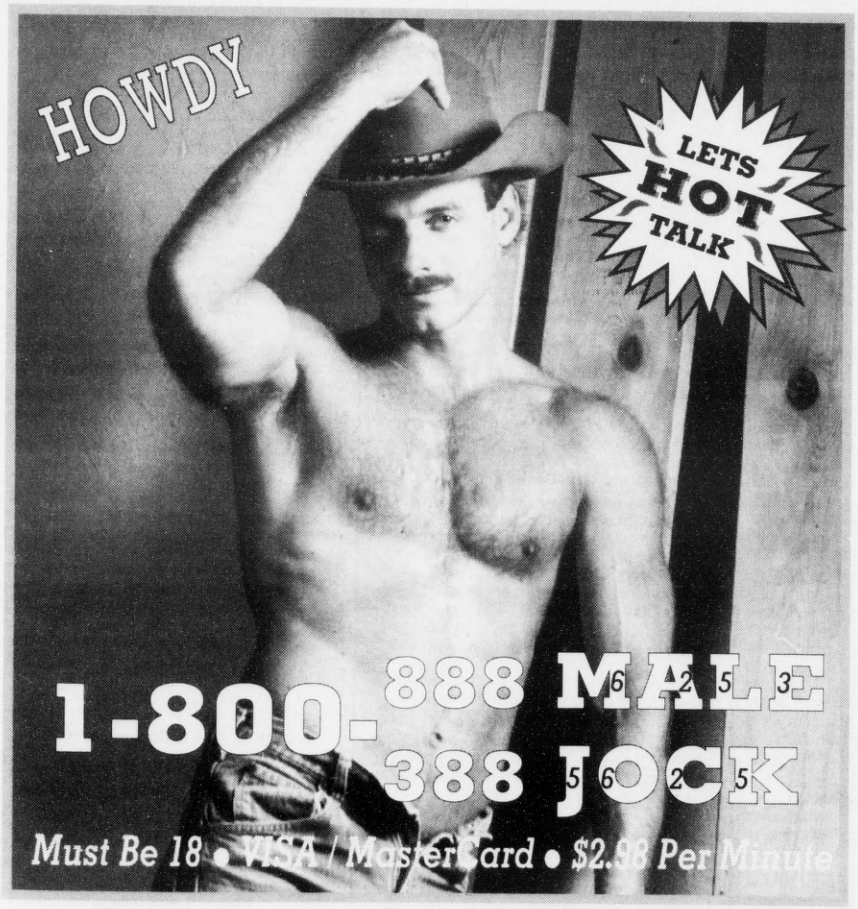

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Dating/Lover

I'm in my 30s, stable, sincere, romantic, OK body, definitely ready for love and romance to come knocking. Are you younger, cute, slender, no drugs or smoking, HIV-, who is ready to settle down? Cuddle, watch TV, soap up in the shower, good kisser? If this sounds good... Reply BT Box MR89A or call ★★4932.

Hippie Dude With A Nice Dick

Seeks friends who like to suck cock for a long time. I'm not in any hurry and I'm looking to connect on a human level as well. I'm not looking for a lover, and I don't care about age or race, but good conversation, imagination, openness, enthusiasm, a taste for champagne and hairiness are all pleasant reasons to give me a call. Reply BT Box MR90A or call ★★4933.

Little Things Mean A Lot

If you're a short/little man, GWM, 28-36, very attractive, in good shape, I want to meet you. I'm 37, GWM, Southerner, 5'7", hazel eyes, attractive head full of hair, definitely a handsome man. Oh yes, 160 lbs. Have had three serious, long-standing relationships. I'm very romantic & affectionate and want nothing less. Have found myself lately adoring good-looking, shorter GWM in their early 30s & have decided to pursue finding one of my own to adore. Is it you? This is not—repeat not a daddy ad. So just back off if you think you've found one. So, if you consider yourself as I've described, give me a call & let's talk. If we meet and our attraction is equal, we could be a very lucky couple for a very long time. Thank you for taking the time to read this & if you don't call I wish you all the love your heart can find. Call ★★4934.

Cut To The Chase

I'm 41, GWM, 6'2", 205#, blk/br, glasses, moustache, HIV+, healthy, gym & job 5x/wk, educated, who is tired of doing things and sleeping alone. I'm pragmatic yet spontaneous, romantic, passionate, sexually versatile and seeking HIV+ man of similar interests and qualities for serious relationship. I'm not interested in C&W, smokers, leathermen, shoppers, 12-steppers, pop psych, or crystal types. At the risk of seeming brusque, only the serious need apply. Paraphrasing Monette, we're living on borrowed time, so don't waste it. If interested, call ★★4935.

All-American Man

Clean-cut Italian guy, 24, seeks all-American type guy for good times/poss. relationship. I am 5'8", 145#, short dark hr/brown eyes. You are clean-cut/masculine/discreet, under 35. I enjoy sports, biking, outdoor activities, movies. I prefer tall men over 5'11". PO Box 427166, SF 94142 or call ★★4936.

A True Western Story

This here weary, inexperienced, bi Asian American has searched the deep valleys, the high mountains, the dense forests, the mighty rivers, the great plains, and the vast deserts fer one bi/gay Asian American. I would like to get off my high horse, remove my hat and boots and camp a spell with the right cowpoke who can shoot straight from his hips. I been yearning for a truly honest, uncomplicated, monogamous partnership that will enable us to be best of friends, mentors to each other, and sensual lovers. This here wanted polecat is 5'9" and up, weight/height proportionate, late-20s to early-30s, masculine, discreet, straight-acting, independent, considerate, easygoing, upbeat, humorous, not materialistic, not possessive, outdoorsy, sincere, intimate, affectionate, healthy, not a druggie, HIV-, safe sexier and NS. This here hombre is 5'11", 185#, 30s, and not into saloons/dance halls. This here western story needs a happy ending, so what are you waiting fer, partner? Head me off at the pass and ambush me, you sidewinding varmint. Call ★★4937.

Asian

With an open mind sought by vintage Italian male for friendship, travel companion, romance and good times. Enjoy swimming, bicycling, classical music, good ethnic food, cooking, quiet evenings at home, intelligent conversation. San Francisco Bay area and San Jose area. Reply BT Box MR91A or call ★★4938.

I would love to wake up next to you if you: knew all the words to a Cocteau Twins song; considered yourself queer-acting, or thought sex was best when it lasted for hours. I am a 20-year-old anti-intellectual who cringes when people use the word "post-modern." I like instead to not take things too seriously, read in bed on Sunday mornings, go running and listen to k.d. lang croon. I'm attractive, trim and not at all the "all-American" type. You should be under 35, funny, sexy and sweet. Send a cute photo with your letter. Thanks. Reply BT Box MR92A or call ★★4939.

It's A Big World

And ya shouldn't face it alone. 21 y.o. GWM, 150#, br/br; friendly, stable, nice average looks, slightly prudish (yikes!). If you're a similar, friend-first, relationship-minded, non-psycho, 18-30, non-pretentious and enjoy the variety and odd quirks of the world around us, I'd love to hear from you! Reply BT Box MR93A or call ★★4940.

I Love

Cycling, walking, hiking, all outdoors, cooking, movies, shows, dinners, laughing, talking, quiet time, massage. Masculine, slim, HIV- guy, young 50s, sincere, honest and pleasant, looking for similar guy to enjoy quality time together. Open to other activities around Bay. Let's talk. Call ★★4941.

You Are Very Young Asian

Willing to safely experiment with late 30s, slim, well-toned Caucasian guy. Use me as you will with no strings or conditions. Let me worship your younger, smooth, hot body. I'm 5'11", 160 lbs., bl/bl, hairy chest, always horny and always ready for hot, passionate sex with an uninhibited Asian into fantasy. Couples OK, we'll have a party. Call ★★4942.

Narcissist Wanted

Do you love the way you look? Do you love your body and face? Are you conceited? Do you think that you are great? I'd like to meet you. I'd like to watch you adore your body and make love to yourself. After or during I could orally service you. No reciprocation please. Me: Latin, 31, cute. Send photo and letter. Bicyclists, swimmers +. I'll adore you too! Reply BT Box MR94A or call ★★4943.

Wanted: Mate/Co-Adventurer

Life's a banquet. Are you a gourmand? Good-looking, 5'7", 40 y.o., br/bl, Italian, w/receding s&p hair, toned body & soft middle. I'm impassioned about all things; healthy HIV+ & improving. Very male active & female sensitive to all things inner-world & spiritual. Multilingual, love to play & always seek adventure. Financially secure. I'm attracted to eyes & sensuous lips. I bond physically, emotionally and spiritually. Do you? Reply BT Box MR95A or call ★★4944.

Seeking Tall, Dark, Handsome Hunk For Hot Times

Me: 6'1", 34, 190 hard #s, bottom/versatile, runner, triathlete. Enjoy all sports, outdoors, healthful eating, all music. I love sex. You: tall, dark, very handsome, very muscular, manly, top/somewhat versatile, hunky, HIV- (I am), jock, man's man. You understand that it takes another man to make you feel great. PO Box 283022 (photo returned), SF 94128-3022 or call ★★4945. Discreet, Peninsula OK.

East Bay Stud With Morals

I am looking for a very outgoing, good-looking stud with morals. Between the ages of 25-33 and HIV-. Are you a professional gentleman by day and a sex-crazed beast by night? Well, I am. You are slightly stocky, nice legs with a cute butt, and gym-toned. Me: 25, brn/green, 5'10", 160 lbs., very good-looking. I am a great friend and possible ? Send photo and letter. Reply BT Box MR96A or call ★★4946.

Boy Wants Romance

GWM, 23, 5'10", 165 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, btm/vers. HIV-, graduate student seeks to make a friend who may become a permanent boyfriend. I'm a sarcastic, intellectual boy who loves competition, teasing, sharp wit and hugs. I want someone who is 5'9"-taller, 20s, strong-willed; into games, politics/history, country dancing and has goals. Reply to BT Box MR128A or call ★★4947.

Middle-Aged Beefcake

Seeks trim partner to date, share good times with, and whatever uninhibited else develops over time. I'm WM, 5'10", 200#, good husky football player type build, 46, medium hairy, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-. I'm intelligent, professional, financially responsible, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic, independent, non-smoker, no drugs. No Greek. Have many interests. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Hey, You. Yes, You!

GWM, 45 (looks 35), blond/blue-eyed, 6', 170 lbs., HIV-, attractive, moustache, intellectually and musically literate, evolved and aware, looking for assertive, well-grounded, good-looking, boyish, bespectacled man, 28-35, HIV-, who can be articulate as well as grab my hand and sport off to the bedroom. Convince me. Call ★★4948.

Chubby Guy Wanted

WM, 47, 5'10", 215 lbs., bearded and hairy, looking to meet a masculine, chubby guy, 30-40, over 200 lbs., and preferably a top for dating, friendship and fun. Send photo to PO Box 15093, SF 94115 or call ★★4949.

GAM Seeks Straight Guy

GAM, good-looking, clean, healthy, sincere, looking for a straight guy for fun and stable friendship. I am 25 years old, 5'10", 155 lbs. You should be between 20 and 35. Married or first-timer is OK. Please call ★★4950.

Ready, Willing, Able

HIV+, 140 lbs., 5'8", Irish & French, dark comp. romantic. Looking for someone open, honest, caring, willing to—if all goes right—work on relationship. I have goatee & 'stache, balding on top, masculine. Seeking age 30-50, younger if mature! A real cuddler, daddy type, NS/ND. Call ★★4951.

Imperfect

Not as gorgeous, young, rich or sexually athletic as some, but tall, bright, creative, humorous, warm and supportive. I've got wonderful friends but look for someone to spend time with to see if he's the kind I'd like to bring a rose. Now that spring is on the way, let's walk in Golden Gate Park to see the cherry trees. Let me know a little about yourself, send a photo if convenient, and I'll do the same. Reply BT Box MR97A.

Wish List

You are 25-40 y.o., trim, defined, clean-cut, masculine, HIV-, non-user, unattached, deep but relatively uncomplicated, sweet-tempered; enjoying films, books, drama, symphony, opera, KKHI and PBS, ideas, walking, occasional meals out, 12-step spirituality; prolonged, conscious love-making; passion and peace; and are attracted to big, tall, reserved but affectionate, serious, intelligent, older men. I'm 56, 6'2", 200 lbs., HIV-, hairy, FrP/FrA/GrA; seeking a committed friendship/love and into a modest lifestyle; acceptance, working through issues, spiritual search, and not having the world by the balls. Please send letter and picture to PO Box 640253, SF 94164 or call ★★4952.

Two Good Men

Masculine, cultured, fun, monogamous couple, 39 and 44, seek other couples for films, dinner, beach, travel, and enjoying Bay Area. We live in SF and have flexible work schedules. Call and let us know how we can connect (strictly non-sexual) with guys in LTR about our age, who would enjoy "double dates." Reply BT Box MR98A or call ★★4953.

Flattop, Crewcut Or Shorter?

WM, 32, 6'2", 185 lbs., seeks WM, straight-acting, masculine, who's into weekends: snow skiing, mtn biking, running, Napa, Tahoe, movies, brew pubs, antiques and much more. I've got a fetish for men with very short haircuts. I enjoy the feel and look of a guy with a freshly mowed flattop or the shine of a newly shaved head. Short-haired or willing need only respond. Call ★★4954.

Make That Call!

If you are a fun, regular, attractive guy who is open to a relationship. Attractive, professional GWM, 35, 5'9", 148#, HIV-, masculine, fit, thinning blond, NS, social drinker, versatile/bottom, stable and honest. Interests include city life, travel, movies, dancing, working out, Live 105, Motown, travel, laughter, kissing and safe, hot sex. Seeking similar man as a potential partner. Extra points for dark hair and/or hairy. Call ★★4955.

Love Me

I'm beautiful, intelligent, successful, fun, passionate, caring, sensual, romantic and modest! I love conversation, music, wine, science, German, books, videos, sex and boys! I kiss long and hot down to your soul. I'm oral! I don't get fucked. HIV-, NS/ND, 5'8", 135#, br/gr, white, cleanshaven, good solid build, medium hairy chest, hairy legs, hairy crotch, big hairy balls, big beautiful hairy dick, thick 7" cut. 45 years young! Call ★★4956.

I've Got To Use My Imagination

Until I find the man that can give me what I want in bed. Partial to stocky types, but will consider others who can fill me up and make me feel and touch the real thing. Write with photo to: PO Box 1206, Capitola 95010 or call ★★4957.

Time's-A-Wasting!

GWM in Berkeley for at least one year and hoping to make the best of what the Bay Area offers including finding an emotionally stable, educated, tall (6+), handsome GWM, 29-33, who desires a committed, monogamous relationship. I'm 30, tall, slender, brn/hzl, attractive, affectionate, nonsmoker, light drinker. I live simply (have to—grad student), enjoy home life and also exploring. Call ★★4958.

Sex First!

Then maybe friendship—the old-fashioned way. Sure I'd like a relationship, but you can't mail order one. Maybe it happens. Anyhow, lust is easier and springs eternal. I'm 5'9", 165, brown/blue, 49, and extra well-hung. I'm hungry for hot head, full body play, your chest. Words are a trip too: books, theater, politics, conversation, sex talk. Body/mind, nature/culture. Let's get down, be real! Call ★★4959.

Professional GAM

GAM, 36, professional, sincere, healthy, 5'11", 168 lbs., looking for straight male with same qualities for encounters and more. Prefer masculine, professional. Please call ★★4961.

East Bay Deadheads

Yo brother: Slim, attractive and friendly young 42-year-old artist wants to hang out with you and the music. Into the Dead and other psychedelic music. Looking for open, friendly guys who like mutual massage, maybe more. Eiko, eiko. Call ★★4962.

Passionate Body And Soul Moderate

Maybe just friends/maybe more serious Partners ... Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: easygoing homebody, ethnic food, music (Nat Cole, Orbison, Vandross, Bolton, Sade, jazz, etc.), Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Kierkegaard, independent Christian, philosophy/a Higher Power, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, lite Cheapthrill video, Kirk Cummings, Matt Ramsey, Looney Toons, Newhart, Chaplin, etc. You: ? I'm WM, 30, 5'9", 155#, "good-looking," cleanshaven. Letter/photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★4963.

Once Upon A Time

There was this very attractive, 37, GWM, with hazel eyes, pretty smile, good-looking hair, weighing about 160, standing 5'7", light smoker, very seldom takes a drink of anything stronger than Strawberry D. He's very stable, secure in his job and everyone thinks he's such a character and has many guys after him. Well, fellows, it isn't so! This guy gets plenty of attention, but from all the wrong people. He stays pretty lonely inside most all the time, but no one would ever know but maybe someone a little bit just like him. If you're somewhere in this wonderful city of ours feeling these emotions then let me know. I'm here and have been with you many times in my dreams. I'd rather have you in my arms. End of story! Call ★★4964.

Europeans Desired

Handsome, stable professional GWM, 33, 5'8", 155#, with brown hair/blue eyes; seeks relationship-oriented British, German or French men for companionship, friendship and possible relationship. Too many interests to list. Reply with a photo and a short note to BT Box MR100A.

Friend Plus?

Friendship is important and I've got enough friends. I want a boyfriend who can also be a friend. I'm in my late-20s. Be my age or younger, educated but unpretentious, fun, creative, well to the left of the Democratic Party, thin, and not career-oriented or religious. If you shop at thrift stores instead of Macy's and rather talk about history than Madonna, this is it. Reply BT Box MR101A or call ★★4965.

Rational Humanist Wants Date

33 y.o. GWM physician of Southern European descent but with a Northern European temperament, 5'9", 155 lbs., nonsmoker, attractive and in good shape, classical music fanatic, foreign film/language and literature enthusiast (I speak French, German and Greek), who seeks other intensely focused men near my age for dating, speaking foreign tongues with, making music together and other intimate forms of communication. Show me your syntax first & then maybe I'll show you mine. Reply BT Box MR102A.

Free Valentine Personal

1960 GWM, two-toned, tan over white, hazel and brown trim, rare find, two owners, low mileage, see to appreciate. #1371926, PO Box 67, San Bruno 94066, only serious replies!

Straightforward

Handsome, masculine, athletic GWM, 37, HIV-, br/blue, 6'3", 195 lbs., NS, sexy smile and eyes. Successful professional; am happy, humorous, intelligent, sensual, romantic. Interests/activities are varied: I work out, jog, windsurf, hike, overall love the outdoors, write, travel, appreciate the arts. Not into game playing, am a no-nonsense man who is relationship-oriented, that loves cuddling, touching, kissing in the context of genuine intimacy. Would like to talk with GM, 28-40s, HIV-, who are honestly masculine and handsome, that work out and share some similar values/interests for a possible friendship/relationship. Call ★★4966.

In Search Of Asian Lover

I am 5'9", 180 lbs. and mixed, part Black and part white. I am slim, smooth and 29 years old. I'm into the martial arts and spiritual development. I enjoy movies and going places. And spending time with my lover. I'm sincere and affectionate. In search of Asian lover, 18 to 25, single, slim, English-speaking, any background OK. Must like touching, kissing, so on. Send a letter with phone and photo if possible to me. Please only serious replies and only Asians. Reply BT Box MR103A or call ★★4967.

Oral Delights

50s, big tall seeks regular servicing from defined, trim, 20s-30s, oral expert. Call ★★4969.

Spiritual Top

Needs face to feed and voids to fill in willing bottom. Nordic blond prefers med., hairy. Big ole dick will travel. 40something, HIV+. Be kind as I will be. Will I touch the depths of your bottom? Reply BT Box MR104A or call ★★4970.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, green eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) for fast response, Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★4971.

Creative, attractive, gym-buffed GWM, drawn to the male intimacy implied by leather, the affectionate concern suggested by daddy-boy stuff. Yes, romance! Enjoy visual arts, cycling, poetry, cynical humor, sometimes sensitive 5'9", 185 lbs., asymptomatic. What about you? Looking for a man to spend time with, cuddle with, write to mom about? Photo gets same. Reply BT Box MR105A or call ★★4972.

Boy Wanted

GWM couple want boy under 30. We are late 40s, hung big, need oral servicing. PO Box 502, Guerneville 95446.

Defined Bodybuilder Wanted

Me: 47 y.o., GWM, 6', 194 lbs., balding, gray hair, beautiful blue eyes, HIV-. You: 35-50 GWM in solid BB shape, like to talk, laugh, be playful, professional type, looking for fun times. I live in East Bay, but get to SF often. Send photo, letter and phone number to: PO Box 300, Orinda 94563 or call ★★4973.

Heart, Mind, Body & Soul

To share with the right man, in idyllic Mendocino country setting. Seeking full-time companion or weekend lover. I'm 43, attractive, in good shape, 6'1", 170#, w/blue eyes, light brown hair & beard, Scandinavian/Irish, healthy HIV+. I'm attracted to warmhearted, interesting and witty men with sturdy, muscular build, preferably younger and shorter than myself. I'm into music (Baroque to bossa nova), architecture, The City, gardening, dancing (CW, salsa), progressive politics, contemporary art film, multiculturalism, ethnic art, travel, Latino America (speak some Spanish) and ecological living. I'm easygoing, hardworking, social, philosophical, an affectionate lover, versatile, endowed with a positive outlook on life and love. Not a smoker, drinker or drug user. Letter, photo: PO Box 1575, Mendocino 95460.

Life

Fascinated by life. Value beauty in nature, the arts and in the zestful spirits and compassionate hearts of others. Enjoy travel, movies, good food, conversation, quiet times at home. Want non-possessive, monogamous partnership with HIV-man who uses little or no alcohol, smokes or drugs (I'm in recovery). I'm also 6', over-educated, over 50, under-relationshiped, under 198#, and under-hirsute, but "better than average" by any measure. Sexually versatile, with a preference for oral, top and hairy chests. Not seeking a clone, white knight or dependent child. Explore our unique possibilities. Give life a chance. Call ★★4974.

Seeking Fun & Companionship

33-yr-old professional would like to meet GM for dating/relationship. I am cleanshaven, GWM, 6', 175#, brn/brn, HIV- and called good-looking. I enjoy bicycling in Golden Gate Park, movies, romance and good conversations. You live in SF, are 23-35, tall, slim, any race, and have a career or are working toward one. Let's meet for coffee! Reply BT Box MR106A or call ★★4975.

Asian "Little Prince"

Where are you? Young looking, 40ish, G, white

Don't Miss the March 19 Deadline

male, educated, romantic is looking for you. If you are serious about meeting a friend for possible long-term relationship, take a chance! Maybe you are the "Little Prince" who will show me again what love is... I prefer someone slim (I am) and cute with a smart mind and good sense of humor. Boyish Asian look a plus! Call ★★4976.

East Bay GWM, 28

Shy, sincere GWM in Contra Costa would like to meet other men in East Bay who enjoy country, classical, rock, museums & weekend getaways to the Sierra Nevada and Nevada, quiet times together. I'm 6'3", 185 lbs., brn hair, blue eyes. I enjoy going out on the town but I'm also interested in spending time in the country. Please respond to PO Box 6111, Moraga 94570.

Looking For "Real" People

GWM, 40, 5'7", 195 lbs., this bearded bear looking for "real" men. I'll define "real": honest, can communicate, doesn't have attitude, likes nothing better than being at home with someone special to share TV, dinner, videos, etc. Want to get to know you inside and out. Be interested in sharing on every level. Please leave name and #. Call ★★4977.

New To The City

GWM, 46, 5'11", 170#, HIV-, deanshaven, financially stable, new to SF, looking for friendship/relationship. Believe in commitment/responsibility and am playful, warm and flexible. You: under 50, HIV-, stable, balanced, nonsmoker/drugs, romantic. Let's enjoy SF together. Reply BT Box MR107A.

You Found It...

In Eureka, Calif.! BiWM, 20s, 5'8", 145 lbs., brn/grn, educated, seeks bi or GM for primarily physical relationship on the North Coast, preferably Humboldt County. Must be HIV- like me. I'm attractive, masculine, muscular, healthy and desire similar qualities in you; you're 21-35 years old. Please write. Your letter and photo gets mine. Boxholder, PO Box 4453, Arcata 95521 or call ★★4978.

4-F

GJM, 40s (looks 30s), seeks younger Asian, Latin or other handsome man w/boyish looks for fondling, fun, friendship, maybe the future? I'm 5'6", 142#, blk/brn, bearded, moustached, teacherly writer, humorous intellectual, lusty, slightly kinky, safe, HIV-. You're most of these (or at least some if you're really cute); my height or shorter, medium/trim build, smooth-bodied, sexually playful, toppish, complete genital equipment, HIV-. We're both irreverent, progressive, adventurous, NS, warm, uncategorizable. Call ★★4979.

Deep Throat Expert

Wants to meet men who like to download the system with someone who knows what he's doing. Me: tall, lean and muscular, good-looking, 45, talented. You: cute, 18-38 y.o., in good shape, like it slow and sensual. Race or size not an important factor. Reciprocation not desired. Call or write and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box MR108A or call ★★4980.

Where Do We Go From Here?

I'm 48 y.o., 5'10", 175#, s&p hair/moustache, Irish/American background w/a career in mental health. I have good friends (who also say I'm good-looking—that's what friends are for, no?). I'm fairly happy, but what is missing is you! You're also "good-looking," a Latino or Pacific/Asian and in my age group (more or less). You're a nonsmoker, light drinker, are educated, enjoy a laugh, a variety of movies, high & low "culture." You can also be caring, can hold and be held, can kiss and cuddle and miss someone next to you in life and in bed! Yes, it's risky to place or answer an ad. That's why we deserve to meet! Your picture gets mine. Reply BT Box MR109A.

Great on paper dysfunctional boy-next-door seeks another who can't quite conquer the gay trinity: good job, good apartment, good boyfriend. The two that reward effort have. But the third refuses to respond to sheer ambition. So I've decided to try actually knowing someone before I decide to marry him. I'm early 30s, 6', 155#, br/gr, WM, considered cute/handsome, funny, interesting and smart. Seeking someone similar. In my experience, those who recognize that they're a mess usually are on the right track. Write or call if you agree. Reply BT Box MR110A or call ★★4981.

Asian Seeking Asian Friends

Attractive gay Asian, 21, 5'9", 145, nice body, clean-cut, friendly, educated, easygoing, and into sports, movies, dancing, dining out, music. Seeking nice-looking Asian gay men, 21-26, for friendships. You: honest, sincere, good shape, prefer nonsmoker, non-drug user. Looking for someone similar to myself. Student a plus. I'll answer every response. Let's talk! Call ★★4982.

Asian Wanted

By attractive GWM, blond, 5'8", 150, HIV-. We are both athletic, romantic and fit. I have many interests. I am looking for a quality relationship with attractive Asian who is looking for the same qualities. Take a chance and respond. Reply BT Box MR111A or call ★★4983.

Under 5'7"?

Slender? Dark hair? This hunky, chunky GWM appreciates diminutive men who are smoke/drug-free, reasonably bright, socially versatile, employed, not gorgeous, but not bad to look at. Asian, Latino, Mediterranean under 35 a definite plus. I'm 40ish, unconventional, accomplished, very active, considered interesting, and occasionally accused of being cute. We are both looking for an old-fashioned hand-holding romance and maybe more. Call ★★4984.

Best Foot Forward—Together!

Friendly, outgoing, East Bay GWM, 5'10", trim, bearded, blue eyes, 40s, gdlkg appearance/physique/feet. Structured life, responsibly employed, in sobriety 7½ years. I'm working on daily issues and future with confidence in self and therapy. Love mutuality in sensual touching, passionate kissing, comfortable/relaxed massaging and free flowing, uninhibited safe sex. Diverse social/home activities. Wanting and willing to form a special friendship/relationship to share the many and varied challenges of life through a learning, communicative, physical, humorous progression. Reply BT Box MR112A or call ★★4985.

Soulful Guy In Sonoma Co.

Seeking slow, steady connection with similar kind of guy. (Not identical!) I'm 32, handsome (I suppose!), passionate, healthy, romantic, strong, intuitive, warm. Full of paradoxes... shy (bars) to outgoing (friends). Love country living, enjoy the city. Sometimes in rut (Taurus!), sometimes rolling. Spiritual depth with human baggage. Vegetarian, still smoke occasionally. Vanilla sex to ??? (versatile). Likes: friends, outdoors, Northern Exposure, CW, exploring, quiet nights, my motorcycle, integrity, dogs, kids, gorgeous eyes. You? Open, masculine, honest, healthy and handsome would be nice for starters! Late 20s to 40. Just be real. Call ★★4986.

Rock Me Baby!

San Francisco queer rock musician looking for others sharing similar interests: songwriting, performing, recording, big rock shows, movies, restaurants, outdoor sports, nature worship, travel, safe sex. Especially like long-haired, muscular guys. I'm tall, good-looking, HIV-, blue, blond with goatee. Contradictions: sometimes loud and outrageous, sometimes quiet and shy. Want to find the right person to spend time with. I'll rock your world! Reply BT Box MR113A or call ★★4987.

Friendships/...Relationship(?)

GAM (new to city) looking for bi or GM of any background with the goal of developing nurturing friendship and whatever else may happen. I'm 26 y.o., 5'7", 128 lbs., HIV-, handsome and fit, well-educated, well-proportioned body with many interests and easy to get along with. Prefer masculine, in-shape, drug-free, attractive men between 20-40. Send letter to PTL, PO Box 471583, SF 94147 or call ★★4988.

Made In Heaven

Attractive, professional, Jewish GWM, 6'1", 170 lbs., young 53, HIV-, NS, seeks a compatible man for a long-term, committed relationship. I have many & varied interests including tennis, skiing, classical music, travel. Strong "traditional values": honesty, loyalty, community service. If you are HIV-, NS, 35-55 yrs old and interested in a caring, trusting, monogamous relationship, here's your chance! Reply BT Box MR114A or call ★★4989.

May Your Asian Dream Come True

GAM, HIV-, 28, 5'8", 135#, NS/D, gorgeous body. Star quality looks, bright yet mysterious dark eyes. But what I am proud of is I am sincere, intelligent, easygoing and healthy. Seek a special GWM, HIV-, under 38, tall, masculine, handsome, caring and with a firm body. Come on! Your Asian dream may come true with me. Letter & recent photo (will get mine) to PO Box 210047, SF 94121 or call ★★4990 and see if we can dream together in the night full of love.

Looking For "Normal Men"

Not looking for "Mister Perfect." GWM, 40, 5'7", 195 lbs., looking for others who are "normal" men, not obsessed with working out and in-shape bodies. Looking to spend nights cuddling and sharing normal American pastimes like movies, dinners (at home), TV and snacking (popcorn, etc.). Looking to share in every way. Please don't be perfect because I'm not. Call ★★4991.

Asian Friendship

GAM, very good-looking, youthful 40s, 5'7", 140, HIV-, fit and energetic, seeks other males, any race, for friendship and perhaps relationship. I am very stable, balanced, flexible, easy to get along with and have eclectic interests. Prefer non-substance abusers, 6' or under in good shape and health. Send letter and photo (?) to P., PO Box 471583, SF 94147-1583 or call ★★4992.

Batter Up!!!

Baseball season is almost here. This masculine, straight-acting, bearded, sports minded, HIV-dad in his mid-40s has a Giant bat ready for another dad or son who wants to meet at Candlestick and light the candle at both ends. Let's support the team we almost lost and support each other with companionship which could lead from outdoor activities into safe indoor sports. Let's be safe at home. Call ★★4993.

The Time Is Right

46 y.o., 6'2½", 220#, GWM, short brown hair, beard, balding, moderately hairy. Looking for slender, smooth GWM, to age 40, for relationship purposes. I'm honest, caring, irreverent and have a dry sense of humor. I'm bright, average in appearance with a good smile. I like intimacy, directness, kissing, massage, sex, challenging music, food and sports. Not a Renaissance man but well-rounded. I'd like the same but mostly appreciate openness & honesty. I'm sexually versatile, HIV- and consider myself a catch. Reply BT Box MR115A or call ★★4994.

Good Man Wanted

GWM, early 50s, tall, slim, healthy, available, usual interests. Ready for relationship with similar, active, no nonsense kind of man. Extra points for Greek active. If you take the time to call, I'll respond. Call ★★4995.

Tall, Handsome GWM

Dk blond/hazel, 30 y.o., clean-cut, cleanshaven, collegiate, HIV-, honest, affectionate, masculine guy with open mind, good sense of humor, witty & outgoing with creative career seeks another tall (6'+) slim to in-shape, clean-cut GWM, possessing similar attributes, who is masculine, handsome, 24-35, financially secure and emotionally available and looking for a quality relationship/friendship. Pluses: nonsmoker, Nordic, blond, tan, straight hair, fire signs. Call ★★4996.

Wanna Dance?

Very handsome, middle-aged GWM needs a partner for CW dancing/hanging out at the Rawhide once/twice a month. My stats: great legs on a well-proportioned body, avg height, weight, lots of hair (all over), blue eyes, NS, HIV-, good sense of humor, well-educated. You: 20-40, good shape, cute NS, HIV-, dominant (strong arms). We'll dance, I'll pay. (Not a sex ad.) Photo/phone. Reply BT Box MR116A or call ★★4997.

Accomplished, Muscular Kisser

Working out 5-6 times a week keeps me looking great and makes it easy for me to find people to kiss, but I'm getting to a point in my life where I'd like more than just hugs and kisses. If you're smart, in good shape, and you're interested in dating/possible relationship, I'd like to hear from you. I'm 26, 5'11", 160, muscular/lean build, Latin/Asian, HIV-, dark hair, brown eyes, and well-endowed/educated (not necessarily in that order). Reply BT Box MR117A or call ★★4998.

Locker Room Love

GWM, 44, negative, looking for Bi/GWMs for locker room sex fantasies. Must be ex-HS/college jocks hungry for cock contact. Clean, healthy bodies, no piercings (a tattoo or two OK). Discreet. If you fit the bill, contact, play ball and score! Call ★★4999.

Robin's Egg Blue Hanky Left

Or right. Or center. Congenial GWM, mid-aged, 5'8", trim build, attractive, HIV-, bearded, bald, seeks slim, healthy acquaintance (= accomplice, aide, ally, assistant, associate, brother-in-arms, confederate, friend in need, henchman, pal, partner, playmate, right-hand man, sidekick, team member) with appealing personality for leisurely daytime activities. Descortado Latino especialmente bienvenido. Passion, imagination and sense of humor also part of the bargain. Call ★★5000.

This Bottom...

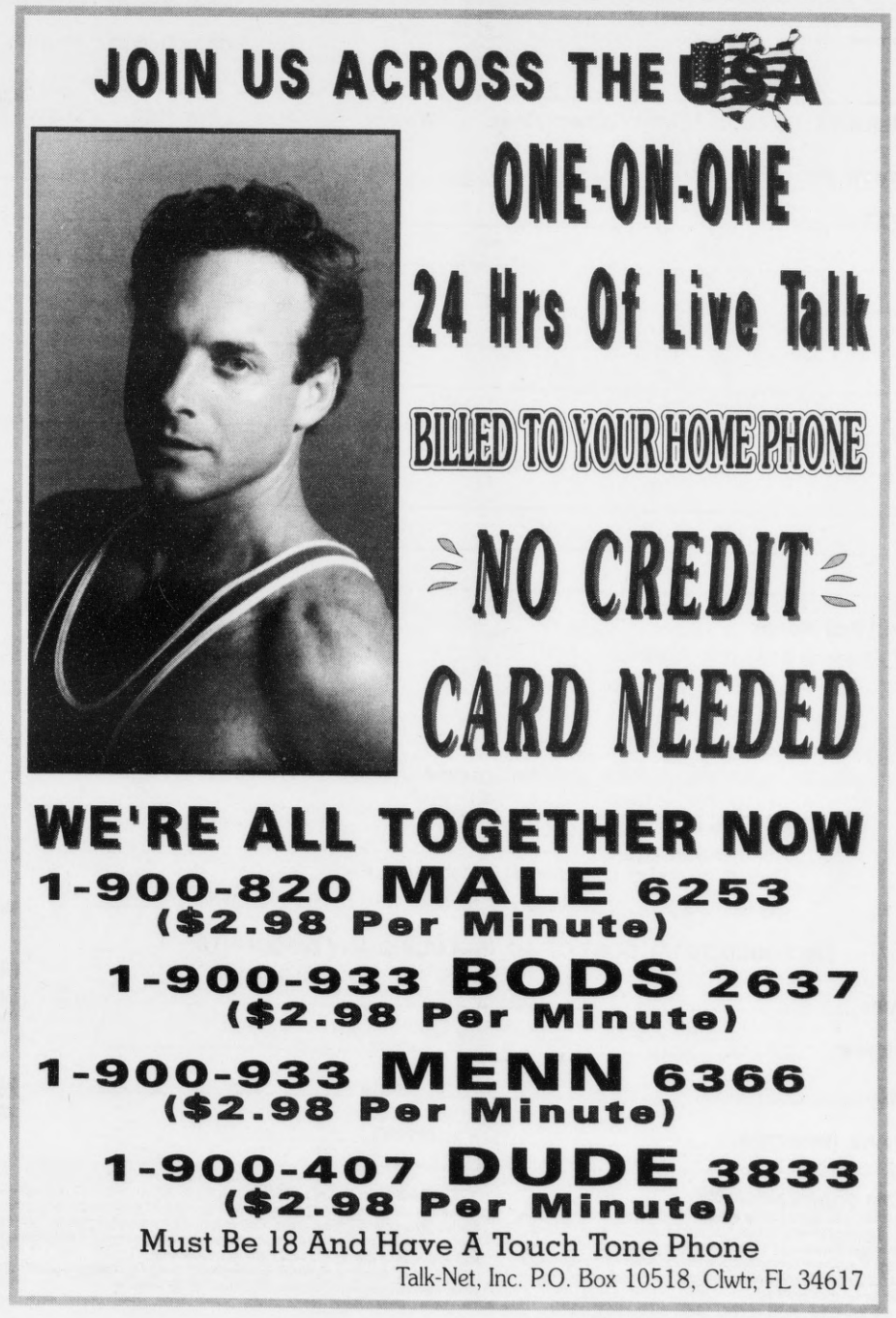
Wants a top with brains, heart, complexity and imagination, a reliable man whose life—including sex life—isn't completely scripted and predictable. I'm 40, HIV-, in very good shape (especially my legs and ass) and I'd take Steven Rea over Tom Cruise or Marky Mark any day. If you're HIV-, fit, mostly affectionate, but sometimes rough, love kissing, touching, fucking, getting blown—and talking—please answer. Reply BT Box MR118A or call ★★5001.

A Kiss Is Worth

A lot... but then, so are romance, sincerity and friendship. I'm a 28-yr-old GAM, 5'5", 128 lbs., well-proportioned, attractive, independent, affectionate and quick to laugh, seeking WM and MOC, 23-33, handsome/cute, unassuming, masterful articulators, mindful of health, goals and dreams, for dating/friends. NS, ND, sense of humor, athletic, around 5'8", varied interests most likely to create chemical reactions... Reply BT Box MR119A or call ★★5002.

Asian Seeking Asian

Chinese Asian American, 26, 5'7", 125, seeks



other GAM around my age and size. I'm a professional who is hardworking and dedicated to my work but needs that one special person to balance out my life. I prefer other Asians who have similar desires whether students or professionals. My interests include, but not limited to, some sports such as basketball, music, dancing, travel, movies, romantic dinners, evenings at home, and many others. Please leave voicemail at ★★5003 or reply BT Box MR120A.

Hunky, Handsome, Horny

Brown hair, green eyes, 5'8", 185 lbs., 32, hardbody, masculine, professional. Lift six days per week, love to travel, hike, bike, hang out, dance, romance, movies, laugh, have sex. Seeking handsome, muscular guys who work out, yet have a life outside of the gym. Prefer beefy Italian or Latin guys with lots of passion. Leave a detailed message or send a photo & a letter. Let's play! Reply BT Box MR121A or call ★★5004.

Former College Jock Seeks Same

I'm 26 years old, 5'9" and 175 lbs. I'm very handsome and muscular from playing a wide variety of sports. I graduated from a top ten school and am pursuing a successful business career. I'm new to San Francisco and don't like the bar scene because I prefer very masculine men who appear and act straight. If you're interested, respond with a photo. Reply BT Box MR122A or call ★★5005.

Uncommon Black Male

Can you relate to my warm heart, caring soul and romantic sensuality? Can I experience your maturity, intellect and sincerity in a quiet moment of intimacy? Savor the thought. I am 37, attractive, 5'8", 135 lbs., and enjoy the basic pleasures of life: movies, dining out, lazy Sunday afternoons, travel, music and dancing. Your list of uncommon ingredients should include: age 25-40, attractive, stable, healthy, trim, versatile or bottom sexuality and most of all—honesty. Reply BT Box MR123A or call ★★5006.

Comfortable In Chaos

Emotional and intellectual. In all other matters, order must prevail. Who imposes it, debatable. Far-from-perfect, nearly 45, professor perfectionist desires (rather than needs) sexual companion: curious, irreverent, un-middle class, sartorially understated. Creating (trouble?), contemplating and exercising—together and alone. If you're insightful, you'll know if you should respond. Fathers with live-in kid(s) favored. Reply BT Box MR124A.

SF Sex Buddies

Insatiable, horny GWM, 29, 5'9", 135#, 7½" cut, smooth, versatile. Seeking hot men, 18-45, 120-180 lbs., all races. Especially like deep voices, moustaches, studly attitudes. Dig guys with low-hanging balls. Call ★★5007.

Single And Available

This warm-hearted, witty, youthful, professional, Asian, 45, 5'9", is seeking to meet a similar, cleanshaven, physically active, gym-toned WM for friendship and possibly as a soulmate. Enjoy sports, "oldies but goodies" to new age music, camping, arts, travel, dancing and politics. Must have cultural awareness, wicked sense of humor and social civility. Call ★★5008.

Gentle Babyface Bear

Tall, Latin male, 6'3", 250 lbs., large frame and 32 yrs. old. I'm interested in meeting other men that are not intimidated by height/size. I enjoy both domestic and foreign films, plays, hikes and international cuisine. I'm professionally employed, clean-cut, no drugs, seeking relationship with substance and value. Call ★★5009.

Hot Latino Man

Tall, dark, handsome, 35, 6'3", 195, dark hair, eyes, moustache, masculine and well-built. Easygoing, honest, very sexy & hung. Looking for serious, masculine, well-built men who are interested in a long-term relationship. You are blond/brown hair, handsome, nice body, between 20-30, with a positive attitude. I've got much to offer the right guy. Letter w/picture. Reply BT Box MR125A or call ★★5010.

Gender Bender

QWM, 40 y.o., 6'3", athletic, basically handsome, loves hot sessions of transgender sexual roleplaying. I like dressing in drag, lingerie; have interest in hormones. Tell me what you like. Call ★★5011.

Seeking Dominant Short Man

GWM, 38, 185 lbs., 5'11", dark blond, good-looking, athletic, nice body, relationship-oriented. Seeks good-looking, confident, dominant, verbal, shorter man. Turn-ons also include macho role-playing, kinky body worship and shared emotional intimacy. Call ★★5012.

What Are We Waiting For?

GWM, 32, 6', 180, black/brown, HIV-, Italian, clean-cut, good-looking, seeking relationship-oriented person. I am affectionate, considerate, intelligent, and have an optimistic outlook. You should have similar good qualities, around my age and be pleasing to the eyes. If you have the capacity & desire to explore the possibility of a monogamous relationship, please respond. You should also be HIV-, nonsmoker and a fun person. Reply BT Box MR126A or call ★★5013.

In The Pit

MDC at the Chameleon, 8/88. Tread lightly on well-worn Docs to avoid studded leather and razor blades. Damp Mohawks flail against your face. The pit spins you off your feet; you swim in sweaty bodies, grab stubbled heads, slippery shoulders, his crotch. And the band plays on. Call ★★5014.

Ollie Seeks Stanley

GWM looking for soulmates, sidekicks to travel, camp, party and play with. I'm 44, 5'9", 150ish, HIV+, good-looking, cleanshaven, energetic, irreverent, adventurous and a triple Gemini. Love art, nature, rock 'n roll, the cool and the eclectic; dislike disco, bars, clones, stale scenes, pop culture. I like rebels, punks, artists, nonconformists; don't care about your money, muscle or dick status. I live in the East Bay but can swim. Just be sorta like me physically, maybe younger, and a lot like me mentally. This is more about soul than sex. AIDS/ARC OK. Call ★★5016.

Wanted: Men Of Conscience

Cute foreigner, slim, 6 foot, hairy, South American, with Mideastern looks. Poor but happy. New to city. Enjoy exploring my surroundings, my mind, my soul & body. Shy at first, seek friends, confidants and (with a lot of work) a love. Anti-capitalist. Not into brand names, cars, casual sex. Race irrelevant but should share genuine, open, easygoing nature. Call ★★5017.

New To Gay Scene

Chubby GWM, 33, 6'1", 280, blue eyes, hairy chest, somewhat shy and very inexperienced, seeks GWM for friendship and maybe more. I am friendly and enjoy music, movies, camping, hiking, reading, computers, good friends. I live in South Bay but am willing to commute. Hairy chests, body hair a plus but not required. Reply PO Box 1556, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★5018.

It's Time

It's time for us to hook up and settle down. I'm 40, 155 lbs., 5'11", gray-brown hair, blue eyes, have a couple of graduate degrees, HIV+, happy with myself and my life. I'm told I have a strong personality, I'm also told that sexually I'm very intense (FYI: versatile, mainly top). I work out a lot and am looking for someone in shape and near my age. My life and leisure interests are eclectic, I'm after someone who can add to them so we can form a partnership out of the mix. Reply with photo to Boxholder, PO Box 590486, SF 94159-0486 or call ★★5019. All answered, photos returned.

Deaf Love & Monogamous Relationship

GWM, 43, 170#, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, clean-cut, non-drinker, never drugs, smoke cigarettes only, honest and affectionate. Enjoy cooking, watch TV & movies, learning computer at home; travel, camping & hiking; relaxing on quiet evenings with someone; eating out with friends sometimes. Seeking GWM, 35-45 years old, hairy chest, clean-cut, honest, gentle, never drugs and light alcohol. If interested, please write me: Boxholder, PO Box 3598, SF 94119.

Not 9 To 5

GWM, 5'11", 160#, dark brn/blue, asymptomatic HIV+, 40 y.o., gym-boy, seeking similar playmate with some weekdays as well as nights free to share the good life. Slim, smart, sensitive, sexual, serious, silly and no ciggies please. Call ★★5020.

Class "A" Trucker

GWM, training to be a bus driver/tour guide. Would much rather be co-driver/lover/partner with fellow trucker. Owner/operator preferred or willing to also be driver for horse ranch operator. Relationship possible. Have all endorsements. I'm 5'8", blond/blue, versatile, love cowboy leathers/cowboy gear & rubber gear. HIV-Nonsmoker/doper. Call ★★5021.

We Won't Rest Until You Are Satisfied Socially

Next Deadline for All Ads: March 19 for March 25

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through May 11. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

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You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

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WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

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Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

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San Francisco Bay Times
Letters to the Editor
288 7th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Editor:

It is, perhaps, no less than a miracle that we found each other through the *SF Bay Times* Personals. Our love is clearly here to stay—it's been close to three years since we met, and on July 12, 1992, we were married by our Rabbi at Temple Israel of Alameda, in the presence of over a hundred rejoicing family and friends. Neither of us expected, entering the "Personals" maze, to do more than meet one or two interesting women. And it surely was not love at first sight, but infatuation does not equal enduring love.

SF Bay Times Personals, thanks for helping destiny along. And for those wondering whether they dare try meeting someone special via an ad, we can only point to our happy outcome, and urge you to GO FOR IT—*LIFE IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL!*

In Eternal Gratitude
Kathy Teller & Joyce Nance

On January 23, 1993, thirty of the world's top researchers in HIV were convened by Project Inform to tackle one of the most pressing problems faced by people living with AIDS:

How to restore a damaged immune system.

a report from the

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*Please note: This meeting replaces the usual end-of-the-month PI Town Meeting at the MCC church.